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Graduation...103 Make the Leap!



Christopher Ebinger '03



Following a tradition of the past half century, 103 seniors at GDA jumped the stone wall behind the Headmaster's Mansion House to celebrate their commencement on Friday, June 6. Graduation ceremonies included an inspiring speech by Boston Globe columnist and National Public

Radio commentator Thomas Oliphant (see text of speech on page 2), the bestowing of awards and diplomas, and a new tradition initiated by Headmaster Marty Doggett. Following the granting of diplomas, the faculty led a procession to the original red Schoolhouse, where teachers

formed a circle to welcome the new graduates and bid them personal farewells. Amid hugs and tears, students took final leave of their mentors, rounding the Milestone and then jumping the wall -- symbolic gestures to mark their important rite of passage.

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Commencement 2003



Thomas Oliphant

*Excerpted from speech by
Commencement Speaker
Thomas Oliphant*

Mr. Oliphant, a graduate of Harvard College, has been a correspondent for the Boston Globe since 1968 and a Washington columnist since 1989. His journalistic credentials are considerable. He obtained the Pentagon Papers for the Boston Globe in 1971. His coverage of the occupation of Wounded Knee South Dakota in 1973 earned him the Elijah Thomas Lovejoy Award as well as a three count criminal indictment from the Nixon Justice Department. He was one of three editors on special assignment who managed the Globe's coverage of Boston's traumatic school desegregation, which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1975. He also co-authored a series of special editorials on the energy crisis, which was a runner up for the Pulitzer Prize in 1980. He has been honored with the prestigious writing award given by

the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

A frequent guest on television, he most recently was the analyst for PBS' live coverage of former President Clinton's impeachment trial. He has appeared on ABC's Nightline, Face the Nation, The McNeil-Lehrer Report and the Today Show.

You know, for all the right reasons, this happy occasion is about you graduating seniors. That is why I like to ask geniuses like you to take a short break from accepting all this deserved praise, turn around and please acknowledge the friends, parents, family and loved ones here today who sacrificed so much to make this glorious day possible.

The people literally behind you have scrimped, saved, eaten macaroni, maybe in a few cases even robbed banks to make all this possible. You will never be able to repay them, and one of the miracles of adolescence is that you will never be expected to.

As someone who has been all

the way through this three times with my own children — right through graduate school — I recognize the expressions on the faces of parents here today. They know now that after all they've been through the toughest part is still ahead. Please be aware of this. You are now beginning the process of leaving home, but your family is now beginning the process of watching you leave home. For all of today's joy it's a poignant, bittersweet, inevitable moment. It is wonderful and it hurts like Hell. If I may be permitted a personal note, I sat where you are 40 years ago.

One of my regrets is that I wish I understood better what was happening to me on that day so long ago. I don't know about you but I was really confused about the transition that today represents, and so I now realize were my parents. Nearly all my messages from the

adult world involved the importance of maturity, careful, diligent preparation for a life dedicated to making the world a little better. But nearly all the messages I was getting from my own raging hormones indicated other priorities, some quite short-term. I was seventeen, for Chrissakes.

As best I can figure it, this is

what I wish someone had told me.

First of, all you have time; there's no reason to feel rushed in a world that is too sped up as it is. In the mentoring that older people like me do all the time, I find I have a prejudice toward younger people who aren't sure what to major in, much less what path to take once college is over. To my prejudice, they are more open to the tidal wave of experiences and information that is breaking over them. I love to hear from students who take a year off, whether to hike in the mountains of Nepal or tutor kids in South Central Los Angeles.

To my prejudice, a course in photography or German novels is as intrinsically valuable as eco-



Brooke Eaton and Douglas Turnbull

nomic theory. This is supposed to be fun as well as educational, and it can be.

Up until now, so much of what you have done has been, almost by definition, designed to win the approval of — or to antagonize — grown-ups and peers.

What is changing is that at first



Erin House and Amanda Gilmore



Julia Tataronis '03, Ann Peterman '03, Erin Shedd '03 and Gabrielle Petraglia '03

a few, then some, then many, then most of the choices you make will be based on their own specific advantages and disadvantages as you see them. That's tougher than it sounds. It is liberating on the one hand and often terrifying on the other.

Each of you has probably gotten a taste of this in dealing with the question of where you will be going to college. If I'm not mistaken, most of you got to make this decision yourselves, with a little help from the letter you received in April. Some of you sought guidance at home and it helped. Some of you maybe got more than you

expected or wanted. A few of you may have had to deal with what sounded like parental insistence.

I know I did. I was determined to go back here to school. My parents argued loudly for California. Their cover story was the availability of a specific program out there; my cover story was a single word, Harvard. Gradually, the argument (okay, the shouting match) evolved into a mutual recognition that I wanted to leave, they wanted me close, but that it was my life in the end. At the time it seemed so wrenching and so momentous.

The irony is that all these years later it has not proved to be that big a deal. Regardless of how you feel today, I would argue it will not matter 40 years from now where you went; what will matter is what you did there and how the experience helped form the adult you. And all of that is entirely up to you; this is one of your first chances to experience firsthand that what you get out of all this will be entirely a function of what you, not anybody else, put into it. I went to Harvard; my wife, a senior CBS News correspondent, went to Michigan State; neither fact tells you anything about what has become of us.

Whatever the mix of influences and whatever the choices you make — from what college courses to take to what to do after you graduate, to what to do next Saturday night — what counts now is what you decide, and what you think of you will become more important than what anybody else thinks. The most important confrontation you face is with that image looking back at you in the bathroom mirror. In terms of importance, what happens in the White House doesn't hold a candle to what happens in your house.

To illustrate, there's a story often told in the world of substance abuse treatment. A drunk hits bottom and gets help. After staying sober for his first month, he goes on the road and checks into a hotel. Off the lobby there's this dark, plush, inviting bar. As the temptation rages, the drunk says to himself. Who would know?

The answer, of course, is that on some level he will know, and that is what really matters. At the

Latin Students Score!

In the spring, all GDA Latin students took the 2003 National Latin Exam along with 127,000 other Latin students from all 50 states and 8 foreign countries. The following students received honors based on their scores in their respective levels: Angela Rappoli - Latin 6, Magna Cum Laude, first GDA student to take and earn commendation on Latin 6 exam; Max Dornbush - Latin 2, Magna Cum Laude, Silver Medalist; Dante DeMeo - Latin 5, Magna Cum Laude, first GDA student to earn commendation on Latin 5 exam; Andrew Samel - Latin 4, Magna Cum Laude; Anya Ravitz -- Latin 3, Magna Cum Laude; Don Wieczorek - Latin 3, Magna Cum Laude; Matt Reason - Latin 3, Magna Cum Laude; Sam Adams - Latin 3, Magna Cum Laude; and Cam Archibald - Latin 1, Cum Laude.

end of his helpful volume, *Profiles in Courage*, Senator John F. Kennedy wrote in 1956: "The stories of past courage can define this ingredient, they can teach, they can offer hope, they can provide

um time, I have rarely spoken about the great events swirling around us, always preferring the personal to the political. I may have just gone through my third American war and may be in the midst of my tenth presiden-

of ours, it has dawned on you that credentials, privilege and pedigrees don't count for much any more. Let me tell you what I believe does. Just two things — whether your word's any good and how you treat other peo-

Greek root to a burned, sacrificial offering. The story he had in mind when he first used the word was the biblical tale of Abraham and Isaac, which as parable is about as personal as it gets.

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—Thomas Oliphant

inspiration. But they cannot supply courage itself. For this each man must look into his own soul."

There was this kid at the New York Times last year — not much older than you guys who forgot to do that. Today, his life is in tatters and the [fallout] from his sins is still spreading. Jayson Blair was an intern in my Washington office back when he was pretending to finish college. Some of us could see Jayson's problem — too much ambition for status, not enough ambition for accomplishment — but no one listened to us.

One lesson from this is that in today's corporate culture you can't always rely on adults to give you sound guidance. Some of them are enablers. The other lesson is that you are just weeks away from the same temptations to which Jayson succumbed — to cut a corner, yank a term paper off the internet, fudge a resume.

Don't do it. It ain't worth it.

As someone who lives in what's called the public square, I am now old enough to have given almost as many of these chats as I covered as a young newspaperman. In all my podi-

tial campaign, but it always has seemed to me that this is a day to think about family and growing up and being an independent person, not about the

ple. The skills part is easy by comparison.

Two of my heroes are Elie Wiesel and Robert Kennedy, not for reasons of religion or

Years later, when he was trying to awaken the world's conscience to the ongoing slaughter in Bosnia, he argued to President Clinton's face that the road to genocide is paved with individual acts of hatred and indifference. Genocide is not an impersonal numbers game, but rather the sum of all those individual acts.

Your education has no doubt given you a sense of how diverse the world and this country are, but your experience is about to increase your awareness exponentially. How you choose to treat each individual you encounter will comprise the ingredients of your character. It is not an accident that the Golden Rule is universal, not sectarian. Good things really do tend to be done by good people.

In 1966, Robert Kennedy traveled to South Africa during the worst of the apartheid era, just a few years after Nelson Mandela was supposedly imprisoned for life. In the belly of the beast, he spoke of the critical role of each person's choices with words that are today the universal anthem of human rights:

"Let no one be discouraged



Angela Rappoli receives the Moody Kent Prize for Latin from Trustee President Dan Morgan '67, P'97, '02

Middle East peace process.

More than experience has produced my bias for the personal over the political. I am convinced that a good life is led from the inside out, that we are not pawns in the face of outside forces, that what we bring to the world are above all the values we develop one relationship and experience at a time in our personal lives.

I'm sure that as you have learned more about his astonishingly open and mobile society

ideology or politics, but for what they have taught me about the importance of the individual human being exercising free will.

Elie Wiesel has no idea why he wasn't also murdered at Auschwitz, but he survived to help teach the world about the very personal meaning of the Holocaust, a term he may have been the first to use. He noted in his Nobel Peace Prize lecture 17 years ago that the word does not literally refer to the mass murder of millions, but rather in its

Congratulations and best wishes to the class of 2003 as they head off to the following colleges!



Laura Ellison and Mike O'Neill

Philip Anderson	Eugene Lang College, New School University	Julian Cooney	Stetson University	Gregory McDonnell	Boston University
Alexander Antell	Northeastern University	Allen Cooper	University of Chicago	Philip McInnis	Emory University
Jennifer Arno	University of Southern Maine	Sean Corbett	United States Military Academy at West Point	Daniel McKenna	Rochester Institute of Technology
Marc Bastarache	Year Off - Junior Hockey	Claire de Lacvivier	American University (Deferred for year)	Barry McLaughlin	Year Off - Junior Hockey
Brandon Bates	Post-Graduate Year - Canterbury School	Michelle DeLaGarza	Chapman University	Alana Mercer	University of Rhode Island
Harold Baumann	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Kristen DeForrest	Georgetown University	Amrit Misra	Johns Hopkins University
Elizabeth Bernard	Simmons College	Cory Demuth	George Washington University	Patrick Monigle	North Carolina State University
Devan Berry	Saint Michael's College	Christopher DiGuiseppa	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Gaylord Noblitt IV	Bates College
Peter Bildner	Northeastern University	Elizabeth Dipple	Quinnipiac University	Meghan O'Malley	Williams College
Jeffrey Black	Tulane University	Brooke Eaton	Boston University	Michael O'Neill	Connecticut College
Emily Block	St. Lawrence University	Christopher Ebinger	St. Lawrence University	Michael Oxtan	Bowdoin College
Timothy Bohanon	University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Laura Ellison	Williams College	Ann Peterman	Trinity College
Craig Bonaventura	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Shannon Falvey	Trinity College	Gabrielle Petraglia	Belmont University
Marc Borden	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Noel Georgenes	Berklee College of Music	Jefferson Phillips	University of New Hampshire
Derek Brusin	Drexel University	Amanda Gilmore	University of New Hampshire	Aanand Radia	Carnegie Mellon University
Oliver Burns	Post-Graduate Year - Canterbury School	Benjamin Gobin	Occidental College	Angela Rappoli	Tufts University
Stephanie Carter	Syracuse University	Jessica Gray	George Washington University	Jacqueline Ross	Middlebury College
Suppakrit		Eden Gudonis	Wheaton College	Eric Schroeder	Dickinson College
Chatchayanusorn	Carnegie Mellon University	Daniel Guyton	Boston College	Carter Semple	University of Puget Sound
Lindsay Clunie	Colby College	Katherine Harris	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Kelsey Shannahan	Boston University
Tyler Collins	Northeastern University	Elizabeth Hicks-Kridel	Smith College	Andrew Shealy	University of Vermont
David Connaughton	University of New Hampshire	Jong Hoon Hong	University of Illinois	Erin Shedd	Providence College
		Timothy Hosmer	Boston University	Caroline Sillari	Roger Williams University
		Erin House	Howard University	Jonathan Smith	Ohio Wesleyan University
		Katherine Hugo	Skidmore College	David Spector	Pomona College (Deferred for year)
		Timothy Johnson	George Washington University (Golf Academy/ Deferred GW)	Matthew Steir	St. Lawrence University
		Anastasios Kapernekas	Denison University	Gwyneth Stokes	Scripps College
		Christopher Kelley	Wittenberg University	Gregory Sylvia	Rochester Institute of Technology
		Sung Jin Kil	Georgetown University	Jan Tabak	Middlebury College
		Maria Knapp	Boston University	Julia Tataronis	Smith College
		Megan Lagasse	Saint Michael's College	Judah Thissell	Hartwick College
		Kaitlin Lang	Catholic University	Allison Tsao	Johns Hopkins University
		Alicia LeBlanc	Dickinson College	Douglas Turnbull	Colby College
		John Leonard	University of Vermont	Susana Valverde	Scripps College
		Laura Liacos	Stetson University	Jenna Wade	Northeastern University
		Andrew Lundquist	University of New Hampshire	Jonathan Weiss	Trinity College
		Brooke Lynch	Bentley College	Kendra Wroblewski	University of New Hampshire
		Garrett Lyons	Syracuse University	Hilary Wyner	University of Southern California
		Allison Marcoux	University of Vermont	Byung Rhae Yoo	University of Rochester
				Tyler Youngblood	Connecticut College
				Simon Zirin	Northeastern University

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by the belief that there is nothing one man or one woman can do against the enormous array of the world's ills. Few will have the greatness to bend history itself, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events and in the total of those acts will be written the history of this generation."

Each time a man stands for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice, he sends a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression

and resistance.

They also define each of us, and when [R.F.K.] ran for president two years later (the first campaign I wrote about and the first candidate I got to know) he closed every speech until he was murdered 35 years ago this week with a simple, daunting challenge I leave you with: All

of us can make a difference and each of us should try.

I still believe in the individual; I also believe in each of you, and I believe that you are ready to begin making the choices on your own that will define you and your generation.

Congratulations. ▀



Morse Flag winner Amrit Misra with parents Janaki and Bijay Misra

The Morse Flag was first awarded 90 years ago at the 150th Commencement of this School on June 9, 1913, and it has been awarded each year since that time to the senior whose record in all respects has met with the highest approval of the faculty. According to the Trust established by the late Rev. Glenn Tilley Morse, a long-time friend and Trustee of the Academy, a new flag is provided each year in order that the old flag, which has flown over the School during the past year, may be given to a member of the graduating class.

That this year's recipient of the Morse Flag is a scholar of the highest order is incontrovertible. He has been a fixture on the high honor roll since he enrolled at Governor Dummer, has earned A's

MORSE FLAG ~ 2003

in the seven Advanced Placement courses he has taken and has incorporated a diverse blend of electives into his program of studies. His standardized testing scores are off the charts. But these achievements are only outward manifestations of his intellectual brilliance. One of his English teachers said it best when he wrote in a year-end comment,

"He is constantly looking for opportunities to confront new experience, new information and to test ways of ordering it, making it comprehensible through talk, through argument and negotiation, through mathematical reasoning, through artistic expression and through writing. Too often, young scholars want quick answers and unambiguous solutions. I know you have cultivated a taste for complexity. In fact you are my irony tester. When you see manipulation, prevarication or mendacity, you sight it carefully and then either walk way around it or begin to laugh. Satire does not slip by you. Your dedication and your intelligence, I believe, will make any teacher you have think he or she is brilliant."

Our honoree lives comfortably in the world of ideas. In fact, it is his intellectual playground. It is not unusual to hear him at a lunch table debating the origin and nature of matter in the universe or to see him cultivating his French language skills during campus walkabouts or observe him pondering a new approach to a complex computer programming challenge. Yet as much as his extraordinary



Mike O'Neill receives Moody Kent Prize for Music from Headmaster Marty Doggett

THORNDIKE HILTON CUP: "...to the ranking scholar of the graduating class."

Allison Leigh Tsao of Newburyport, Massachusetts

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD:

"...empathy and respect for others, compassion and community spirit are traits highly admired at Governor Dummer Academy. The Alumni Association Award is given to that senior who best exemplifies these qualities."

Laura Elizabeth Ellison of Newburyport, Massachusetts

SARAH ELLEN AVALON AWARD:

"...awarded to that senior who through four years of hard work, determination and strength of character, has worked to develop his or her potential to the fullest and in so doing, has been a true credit to Governor Dummer Academy. This award carries a stipend to aid in buying books for college."

Shannon Leslie Falvey of Lynn, Massachusetts

BARRISKILL PRIZE: "...to a senior who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of music at the Academy."

Allison Leigh Tsao of Newburyport, Massachusetts

CUMINGS PRIZE: "...to a student who has shown perseverance, hard work and good spirit contributing to the welfare of the school."

Lindsay Myra Clunie of Newburyport, Massachusetts

PETER MARSHALL FRENCH TROPHY:

"...to a student at any level whose perseverance, sportsmanship and generous spirit on the playing field, regardless of distinction as an athlete; represent the highest standards of participation."

Megan Ann Lagasse of Newburyport, Massachusetts

GAFFNEY PRIZE: "...to a senior who, in the opinion of the faculty, has been most considerate of the rights, opinions, and sensibilities of others."

Kelsey Irene Shannahan of West Newbury, Massachusetts

GOODWIN ATHLETIC PRIZE: "...to a senior who by his athletic achievement and sportsmanship has brought the greatest honor to his school during the past year."

John F. Leonard IV of Woolrich, Maine

MERCER ART PRIZE: "...to be awarded to that senior with exceptional creativity and originality who has earned honor grades in all available Studio Art and Art History courses, and has participated in all relevant activities in search of artistic awareness and proficiency."

Philip J. Anderson of San Francisco, California

ANNE MARIE MURPHY ATHLETIC AWARD:

"...to the senior girl who, by her example and achievements in athletics, has brought the greatest honor to her school during the past year."

Shannon Leslie Falvey of Lynn, Massachusetts

MOODY KENT PRIZES: "...for outstanding achievement in each department of study."

ENGLISH Kristen Marie Deforrest of Rowley, Massachusetts

HISTORY David Samuel Spector of Topsfield, Massachusetts

MATH Allison Leigh Tsao of Newburyport, Massachusetts

SCIENCE Amrit Misra of Newburyport, Massachusetts

MUSIC Michael David O'Neill of Byfield, Massachusetts

FRENCH Claire Cecile Marie De Lacvivier of Wenham, Massachusetts

intellect sets him apart from his peers, he has become the heart and soul of our community. Arguably, no other student is more genuinely respected by his fellow classmates or the faculty at large. He is kind, thoughtful and unpretentious. He is incredibly generous with his time. He routinely postpones starting his own work in order to help others with their homework. Teachers regularly call on him for assistance in the area of technology or audio video support. The incredibly diverse and relentless programming that occurs on a daily basis in The Performing Art Center works in a seemingly seamless fashion in large part due to his presence. He is a technical wizard, with a master craftsman's expertise in lighting design, sound, video and scene construction. It is hard to conceive anyone being more efficient, competent, reliable and accommodating.

He spoke at our final chapel service of the year and in his all too brief ten minutes remarks, we were privileged to have one final window into his wonderfully self deprecating sense of humor, his modesty, his loyalty, his passion, his wisdom and his devotion to this school.

He has gracefully served this community in a myriad of ways and in the process, has become a community treasure.

The 2003 Morse Flag was awarded to Amrit Misra of Newburyport, Massachusetts. ▀

— Headmaster Marty Doggett

SPANISH Michael A. Oxtan of Amesbury, Massachusetts

GERMAN Meghan Deborah O'Malley of Topsfield, Massachusetts

LATIN Angela Lauren Rappoli of Danvers, Massachusetts

ART Garrett Andrew Lyons of Newbury, Massachusetts

SPECIAL PRIZES:

1. Jennifer Marie Arno of Westford, Massachusetts

2. Tyler O'Neill Collins of Wenham, Massachusetts

3. Maria Cargill Knapp of Byfield, Massachusetts

EDWARD J. RYBICKI PRIZE: "...is named for and awarded in memory of the long-time GDA teacher and advisor to the Governor who embodied the qualities of selflessness, sense of humor, responsibility to the welfare of others and the courage to live by a strong set of personal beliefs. This prize is awarded to the student making the greatest positive contribution to The Governor over the past academic year."

Kaitlin Moira Lang of Lynn, Massachusetts

THESPIAN: "...awarded for meritorious work in the field of dramatics, for inspiring participation, providing leadership, and developing theatrical knowledge and abilities."

Michelle DeLaGarza of Long Beach, California



Katie Lang receives the Edward J. Rybicki Prize

WILKIE SERVICE AWARD:

"...to a senior whose contributions to the community outside the Academy best demonstrate the deep concern and unfailing sympathy for others, for which the Wilkie Headmastership is notably remembered."

Devan Leigh Berry of Wenham, Massachusetts



ACADEMY PRIZE

There are two prizes which are awarded by vote of the entire faculty, the Morse Flag and The Academy Prize. Upon retirement of Headmaster Ted Eames in 1959 the underclassmen of the Academy endowed the already existing Academy Prize so that henceforth at each commencement it could be given "in honor of Edward W. and Eleanor K. Eames so that the qualities they so deeply prized might be prized in turn by future and succeeding classes."

This young man has been a member of the GDA community for four years. During this time he has earned the respect and friendship of students and faculty alike. He is at the core of his class because of the affection, dedication, and loyalty that he has shown for the Academy. He is a scholar, a singer, a leader, a role model, a worker, a giver. There is hardly an aspect of our school that has not been touched by his presence. His work ethic, moral conscience and personal investment are clearly visible in the myriad of leadership positions that he has readily assumed. He has worked tirelessly for the Admissions Office as a Head Tour Guide conducting tours as well as managing major events. As a member of the Discipline Committee, he endeavored to honor the standards of the school and still take into account the individual circumstances of the student in front of the committee. His senior year has been consumed by his role as Co-Editor of the Milestone; his organizational skills would rival the best CEO. He has worked diligently to create a yearbook that will personify his class and highlight their contributions to the academy. In addition, he has served as Co-Head of Harvard Model Congress, a FLIP leader trained to facilitate the ropes courses, a member of the Commencement Committee, a Special Olympics volunteer, and has recently been elected by his classmates to serve as their class agent. His teachers applaud his devotion to his studies that is always accompanied by his great sense of humor and a signature smile that brings sunshine into their classrooms. His positive attitude, his unselfish commitment to the school, his kindness and respect towards others, his sense of responsibility, his contagious enthusiasm, and his work ethic all speak to the essence of the Academy Prize. He truly represents our motto, "not for self, but for others," and we have been blessed by his energy and dedication. He is an integral part of our community and truly embodies the cardinal red in spirit, word, and deed.

The 2003 Academy Prize was awarded to Daniel Joseph Guyton of Rowley, Massachusetts.

— Headmaster Marty Doggett



PETER W. BRAGDON HEADMASTER'S CUP

The Headmaster's Cup is given to that senior who, in the judgment of the Headmaster, has best served the mission of the School.

The Taoist philosopher Lao-Tse once said that:

"A leader is best when people barely know he exists....

But a good leader who talks little when his work is done and his aim fulfilled,

They will all say

'We did this ourselves.'"

This year the Academy had a leader whose vision, strength of character and capacity for good deeds reached every member of our community. He has led by example and has subtly moved us to new places. He has undertaken new experiences and opportunities eagerly and enthusiastically. He has approached issues and challenges with an open mind and an open heart. He deftly combines pragmatism with idealism in his worldview. He deftly and gracefully has worked to find creative solutions to difficult problems. He has superb political instincts but is guided first and foremost by humanistic instincts.

It would not be entirely accurate to say that our honoree's journey through GDA was exactly low profile. To the contrary, he has delighted audiences with the full range of his thespian skills, fortified our instrumental groups with his musical talents and graced our stage with his vocal abilities. His presence and credibility helped to set a positive and affirming tone for our morning meetings and chapels. All of this said, his style and demeanor are definitely understated and self-effacing.

His best self was always in evidence. He helped us to see what our own best selves can be.

The winner of the Peter Bragdon Headmaster's Cup was Michael David O'Neill of Byfield, Massachusetts.

— Headmaster Marty Doggett

Traditions!

The following is excerpted from Headmaster John Martin Doggett Jr.'s speech to seniors and parents at the 2003 Baccalaureate Service in Moseley Chapel.



The GDA Leap

Please briefly indulge a frustrated history teacher who rarely has an opportunity to get into the classroom. I thought it would be interesting to learn a bit about two unique GDA graduation rituals: walking around the milestone and jumping over the Mansion

House garden wall. The memories of alumni and books by Jack Ragle and Mary Elaine Gage provided indispensable information in my quest.

I had assumed that jumping over the Mansion House wall was a practice that stretched back to the era of Master Moody in the early days of the Academy. Not so. It turns out that the present Mansion House garden wasn't even in existence until the 20th century. What was actually located in the area where the garden is now situated was a small wooden building that was used for "human convenience." To the uninitiated, this is 19th century code for outhouse. I would venture a guess that precious few people were broad jumping in that area in the 1900s.

Conversations with various older alumni have revealed that no one before 1950 can remember jumping over the Mansion House wall. All of the alums questioned could remember every Latin declension they ever did at GDA and every football score, so I am reasonably certain that they would have at least a passing memory of such a watershed event. On the other hand, graduates from 1951 on all seem to have vivid recollections of taking the leap. Apparently, their Headmaster Ted Eames was considered quite an exacting and controlling figure. Ramrod straight and taciturn, he probably didn't get his nickname "the Stick" by accident. He insisted that all official school functions be highly scripted and regimented. Apparently, jumping over the wall was a spontaneous expression of disapproval by the graduates, a reaction to what they felt was the stodginess of Mr. Eames. This 50s style student protest was not exactly the Berkeley Free speech movement or the Columbia University riots but it was certainly revolutionary for quaint Byfield. Apparently the wall jumping practice was repeated in 1952 and so, in prep school terms, it became a tradition. The former use of this patch of real estate has not deterred any jumpers for the last half century, thus probably explaining the term "leap of faith."

Underclass Students Honored

The following awards and honors were given at a convocation held at the end of the school year. Congratulations to all for their recognized and unrecognized successes and accomplishments during the 2002-2003 academic year!

JOHNSON SCIENCE

AWARD: "...to an outstanding science scholar in recognition of his or her achievements in the area of science."

Jake Williams Rogers '04 of Byfield, Massachusetts

EDMUND COFFIN COLMAN LANGUAGE

PRIZE: "...to an undergraduate who has shown proficiency in the study of languages."

Elaine Sharland Frey '04 of Amesbury, Massachusetts

COLBY COLLEGE BOOK

PRIZE: "...to a junior who has shown proficiency in the study of history and has displayed community spirit and evidence of personal growth."

Andrew Lee Samel '04 of Andover, Massachusetts

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

BOOK AWARD: "...to a junior who has been outstanding in the study of English."

Kelsley Michaela Quigley '04 of Byfield, Massachusetts

FRANCIS SCHOLARSHIP:

"...to a student of high character who has made substantial intellectual progress and who has demonstrated a spirit of cooperation and helpfulness in the life of the school."

Jessica Rose Long '04 of Lynn, Massachusetts

HALE SCHOLARSHIP: "...to a student who, through perseverance, has shown the most improvement in the various aspects of school life and has become an esteemed contributor to the well-being of the Governor Dummer community."

Elvinson Raul Corporan '04 of Lawrence, Massachusetts

HARVARD BOOK PRIZE: "...is awarded to that member of the junior class deemed most worthy through high scholarship and character."

Robin Whitney Havener '04 of Lynnfield, Massachusetts

HOLY CROSS BOOK PRIZE:

"...awarded to a junior for distinguished academic performance in a challenging program, for demonstrating a sense of concern for others and a strong sense of responsibility."

Dante Federico DeMeo '04 of Boxford, Massachusetts

INGHAM FUND

SCHOLARSHIP: "...to help support an industrious and able student at the Academy."

Kathleen Ann Glynn '04 of Danvers, Massachusetts

MEMORIAL MATHEMATICS

PRIZE: "...to a junior who has been outstanding in the study of mathematics."

Jun-Sung Han '04 of Kyoungki, Korea

CARL A. PESCOSOLIDO, JR.

ATHLETIC AWARDS: "...are presented, at the conclusion of their junior year, to those scholar athletes -- both male and female -- whose academic and athletic performance exhibit the character and commitment to excellence of Carl A. Pescosolido, Jr.'55, President of the Board 1980-92."

Amanda Joan Webb '04 of Danvers, Massachusetts

Jarid Birse Siegel '04 of Portsmouth, New Hampshire

THE RENSSELAER MEDAL:

"...is awarded for outstanding achievement in both math and science."

Gregory Samuel Solomon '04 of Peabody, Massachusetts

WHITTEMORE AWARD: "...to the member of the sophomore class who through attitude and perseverance has made the best contribution to the Academy." (Selection made by the class of 2003)

Brian Patrick Morrissey '04 of Winchester, Massachusetts

YALE BOOK PRIZE: "...given to a junior with a love of learning and high character."

Kate Elizabeth Shanahan '04 of Peabody, Massachusetts



Elaine Frey '04 accepting the Edmund Coffin Colman Language Prize



Elvinson Corporan '04 accepting the Hale Scholarship

Jun-Sung Han '04 receiving the Memorial Mathematics Prize



CUM LAUDE ELECTIONS FOR CLASS OF '03

Elected to Cum Laude in September 2002:

Allen D. Cooper
Kristen M. DeForrest
Sung-Jin Kil
Amrit Misra
Meghan D. O'Malley
Michael A. Oxtan
Angela L. Rappoli
David S. Spector
Allison L. Tsao
Hilary A. Wyner

Elected to Cum Laude in April 2003:

Sean M. Corbett
Laura E. Ellison
Jessica G. Gray
Daniel J. Guyton
Kaitlin M. Lang
Philip P. McInnis
Patrick W. Monigle
Michael D. O'Neill
Kelsey I. Shannahan
Gwyneth E. Stokes

Before Governor Dummer graduates jump over the Mansion House garden wall, they march around the Milestone, which is located in front of Lt. Governor Dummer's ancestral home. In the early 1700s, the old Bay Road ran north from Boston through Essex County all the way to the New Hampshire line and was set with markers indicating the mileage to Boston and the towns along the route. Only 10 of these milestones remain; the oldest surviving stone is located in front of the Mansion House. It is dated 1708 (which predates the Mansion House by at least 5 years), and it gives the information 5N 33B: 5 miles to Newburyport and 33 miles to Boston: It is made of simple fieldstone with a simple flat face. It was carved by John Hartshorn, the first gravestone carver in this area of Massachusetts.

In 1931, at the start of his 29th year headmastership, our friend, Headmaster Eames, then much younger, instituted this practice of marching around the milestone. Apparently that generation of students was more compliant than the class 20 years later. The seniors assembled on Sunset Rock adjacent to what is now the French building in their caps and gowns. They eventually descended down the hill (this was before the days of ambulance chasing personal injury attorneys) and filed slowly around the historic marker to symbolize their reaching this important educational landmark. This practice became the culminating event in the GDA graduation exercise until jumping the wall was introduced twenty years later.

So much for the history lesson....

I have two remaining wishes for the graduating class of 2003. The first is that during this last time your class will be together in this beautiful Moseley Chapel, you will be appropriately inspired both by the well chosen words of the speakers and the talents of the musicians who will follow me. Second, that you consider the sentiments of 19th century poet Arthur O'Shaughnessy who wrote:

"We are the music makers
We are the dreamers of dreams
Wandering by the lone sea breakers
And sitting by desolate streams
World losers and world foresakers
On whom the pale moon gleams
Yet we are movers and shakers
Of the world forever, it seems"

You will be the movers and shakers of the world. That world belongs to those who see its possibilities. Steve Ruskin would say "dreaming is like believing in God or enrolling in a frequent flyer program; it costs nothing but has potentially transcendent rewards. Why not dream? Yours can be audaciously gigantic or laughably humble." After tomorrow, your task will be to find new milestones to circumnavigate and new walls to jump.

Go confidently into the world and pursue your dreams.
And may all your dreams come true. Godspeed. ▀

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Boadu Wins Ross Award

Mary Boadu, a GDA freshman from New York, is one of only two freshmen nationwide to win a 2003 Diana Ross Academic Achievement Award from A Better Chance, a national academic talent search agency which offers educational opportunities to students in grades six through college. ABC identifies, recruits, and

places outstanding students of color in the nation's finest college preparatory schools. Since 1963, ABC has placed students at GDA.

Born in Ghana, Boadu moved to the U.S just four years ago. In her first two semesters at GDA, she has established herself as a student of unparalleled achievement. "She wants to succeed and puts her all into everything she undertakes," according to Boadu's adviser, Carolyn Kimball. "All of the comments from her teachers describe Mary's attention to detail, her caring, and the depth of her intelligence. She offers unusual insights and perceptions about the reading she does, always gleaning the deeper meaning."



GE Awards GDA Student

The Institute of International Education recently awarded Kristen DeForrest '03 a 2003 GE Star Scholarship in the four-year category. The award includes a financial gift to GDA.

Family Value....



"Taffy" McCann

Adapted from a speech given by Shawn Markey, foreign language teacher and Associate Dean of Students, at the annual Senior Faculty Dinner

John J. "Taffy" McCann was released from his military duties as an MP in 1946 and soon thereafter became a police officer in the city of Lawrence, Massachusetts. This was back in the days when police officers used to "walk the beat" and patrol the streets on Harleys. Eight years into the job, he realized the income earned was not nearly enough to care for the two young children his wife was tending to at home, so he moved to the night shift, purchased an old service truck, and started Lowell Armored Car Inc. His armored car service picked up money from businesses and deposited it in local banks. In fact, you may have seen this same company driving down Route One on the way to the Rowley plaza.

In 1972, John received a tip from another member of the police force that one of his three trucks was going to be "hit" soon. On a day when the entire police force was attending the funeral of a slain fellow officer, John was sure an attack was likely so he pulled two of his trucks off of their route and tailed the only one in service that day. His son Glenn was driving the truck, and his good friend Sid was the courier. Two hours into their workday, a gray, two-door sedan came flying around the corner with two masked men inside. The car came to a screeching halt just as Glenn and Sid were exiting the supermarket with three bags full of cold, hard cash. The passenger of the sedan jumped out and put a gun to the back of Glenn's head and demanded the money. Seconds later, John came around the back of the armored car, revolver drawn, and said, "You'll get s... here!" The gunman then turned his gun towards John and fired haphazardly in his direction; John shot back twice, killing the suspect almost instantly. The getaway driver, who was holding a shotgun, met the same fate as his partner.

Fast forward to a beautiful day in York beach Maine. Gail and her mother Arline were inside cleaning up the trailer while John and Glenn were outside trying to fix the car. It seemed like one of those "family moments" where pure peace and love were in the air. Arline got so absorbed by this that she actually started to cry. Moments later she returned to the window to see John in a full boxing stance and Glenn standing there with the "what did I do" look on his face. Arline threw open the screen door and in a voice that rivaled Edith Bunker in distress, started screaming for John to stop. What had happened to change this serene setting into the Thrilla in Manila? A fly had landed on John's face and instead of brushing the fly aside, Glenn had used an open handed slap to squash the bug and leave a nice red welt on John's forehead.

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HATS OFF!

Congratulations to the following members of our community who were honored in June for their years of dedicated service and commitment to GDA.

Five years

Margaret Anderson
Sean Colgate
Matt Gettings
Diane Griesbach
Scott Kingsbury
Aaron Mandel
Bert McLain
Rod McLain
Don Millard
Michelle Orvis
Kate Pinkham
Chris Rokous
Hal Scheintaub
Dorothea Suggs
Peter Swift

Ten years

Jack Clarkson
Mark Gerry
Harold Short

Fifteen Years

Joanna Hallisey
Jason Lacroix
Dick Searles
Isaiah Suggs
Elaine White

Twenty years

Peter Bragdon
Lynda Bromley

Twenty-five years

Mark Bernier
Steve Metz
Chris Stowens

Departures

Anna Gerry, Patricia Har, Julie Rowe, Sue Savage, Gretchen Scharfe

Former GDA teacher John Ogden wrote to correct an error in his piece which appeared in the Spring 2003 Archon about the history of art appreciation at the Academy. He learned from Meg Miller, wife of former GDA physics teacher Doug Miller '41 (recently granted Emeriti status for his years on the faculty at the Academy,) that the boy in the Gibney portrait which now hangs in the Pescosolido Library is John Fleek, not Philip Gibney. Mrs. Miller conducted a play group with both boys and other children in the basement of the infirmary with few amenities: "no furniture, no running water, no nothing!"

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John McCann with Senator Kennedy at St. Mary's Hall 1952

Ahhh. My family. John "Taffy" McCann was my grandfather who passed away in 1985, Glenn is my uncle, Arline my grandmother and Gail my mother. Well, what's the point? I was asked to speak tonight and what I wanted to share with you was a story about my idol, my grandfather. He is not my idol because he killed two robbers and saved his son's life; he is my idol because family came first.

Yes, there are times when you want to squash a bug on a family member's face, or parents feel like acting on the old phrase, "I brought you into this world, and I'll take you out," but in the long run it is necessary to keep in mind how important family is. As you go off to college or wherever, take time to sit down and visit with your family whenever possible because emails, instant messages and telephone calls are nice ways to keep in touch, but sitting down with a family member and seeing the true meaning behind each word offers so much more. ▮

Savoring the Gifts....

Adapted from a speech by Geoff Brace, Fine Arts Department Chair, delivered at the annual Senior Faculty Dinner



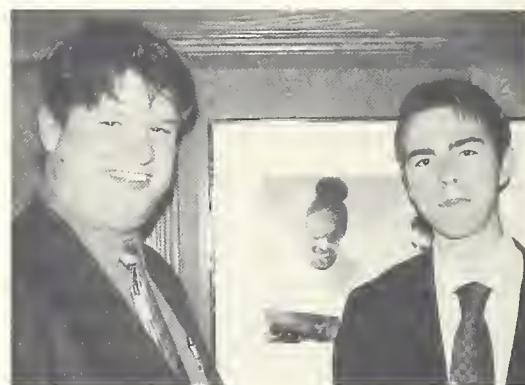
Elizabeth Bernard '03, English teacher Maud Hamovit and Shannon Falvey '03

This is my "Senior" year at GDA also, and I am still trying to find my footing as the days, faces and moments flood past me in a torrent that is both confusing and exciting.

Remember when we were all freshman, walking around campus a bit wide-eyed, trying to remember all they had told us at orientation and working hard to put faces to names. I saw in your faces during those

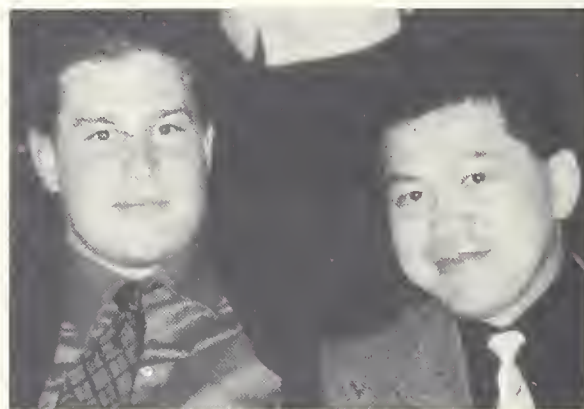
early days an excitement at having the chance to be a part of this community... and I got caught up in that excitement, feeding off the energy you exhibited. I was feeling as if I had the world in a hip pocket, and had finally come to the place, the moment I had been working towards. I had a beautiful environment to work in; people gave me money to buy real supplies; I no longer had to come up with a curriculum based on crayons and trips to the dump; and the people here were making me feel right at home. And besides all that, I mean who is kidding whom, I got to be up in a room wearing a bib and "playing" with different materials all day long.

Yes, I felt like I had it made, but as time wore on I began to forget all that I had, and how truly fortunate I was. I was a glutton who had all he could eat, and therefore had no need to be thankful for the bounty spread before me. So now I give my thanks to all of you, but not only for the support, interest and amazing talent that made me look good. Having this moment



Geoff Brace and Thomas Booth '03 at the Senior Faculty Dinner

of retrospection, albeit forced upon me by a heartless senior class who wants to watch me squirm and squench up here, has been an experience for which I am also indebted to you all. I have rediscovered the uniqueness and greatness that this school, (and here I am speaking to the physical sense of the grounds and buildings also, but more importantly to the individuals who live, work and grow in this community) and have rediscovered what this community affords us... what it has given me. All of you have given me an insight into the kind



Mark Borden '03 and Science teacher Bao Nguyen

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Moulton Achievement Awards



Headmaster Marty Doggett and award recipient David Van Ness

Creative, loyal and philanthropic, Rey Moulton, a Governor Dummer graduate of the Class of 1956 and currently a Trustee of the Academy, has endowed a series of annual awards for the working people who keep our school progressive and dynamic. They represent twelve significant cash gifts that are divided among teachers, administrators and staff. The pool of candidates for this honor comes exclusively from nominations from fellow colleagues on the faculty and staff. Award winners from the previous three years are ineligible for consideration as well as current holders of teaching chairs and any faculty or staff new to or departing from GDA. The previous year's winners serve as a selection committee who narrow the field to finalists whose names are then presented to the Headmaster.

This year's winners are

Laurel Abusamra for long standing devotion to the Academy and excellence in the teaching of French;

Mark Gerry for excellence in the coaching of football and commitment to good sportsmanship;

Chris Rokous for unwavering commitment to all aspects of boarding school life;



Headmaster Marty Doggett and award recipient Dick Leavitt

empathy, accessibility and overall excellence as a dorm parent;

David Van Ness for dedication to all things that are GDA; a master statistician, the consummate weekend MIC and an unwavering advocate for students;

Dick Leavitt for excellence in the teaching of Mathematics, for being an articulate champion of the intellectual life and the high standards of the Academy and for his resilience to having his heart broken every year by the local professional baseball franchise;

Mary Leary for her highly professional management of the Pescosolido Library and her resourceful procurement of ref-



Headmaster Marty Doggett and award recipient Tina Gibbons

erence materials for this facility;

Shawn Markey for the good nature, common sense, high principles, fairness and sense of humor that he brings to his challenging responsibilities in the Dean's office;

Isaiah Suggs for being an important resource and mentor for students. His listening ear and voice of encouragement have been very helpful, especially to boarding students living

away from home and family.

Karen Gold for revitalizing and improving our summer programs and for sensitive and effective work with our international students;

Mark Bernier for the consummate professionalism, courtesy, skill and enthusiasm that he brings to his work in the dining room. His tasty omelets and good cheer help to start our days off right; and

Tina Gibbons for long serving and dedicated food service, for working extra hours without complaint to assist at special events and functions. She is our baker who daily pleases our sweet tooth with cookies, pastries and cakes.

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of characteristics I would like to exhibit...have given me lessons that I needed to learn, and have shown me the kind of human being I would like to be...when I grow up.

So, we come to this moment together. Four years of growth, both as an individual and as a community, four years of learning, four years of experiences or moments with which to build the rest of our lives on. I mentioned earlier that I saw carried in your

faces an excitement to be having the chance to be a part of this community... and I am seeing this once again in your faces now, as you prepare for your next set of moments. I hope you are able to always look at the feast before you, never taking it for granted, but gorging yourself on what life offers at the banquet, relishing every flavor...cherishing every moment. ▀



History teacher Perry Nelson, Katherine Hugo '03 and Corey Demuth '03

GDA Athletic Hall of Fame

The GDA Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of members of the GDA community who excelled in athletics at GDA and beyond, and those coaches and friends who gave their time and effort to the athletic programs at GDA.

In 2002, Governor Dummer Academy established an Athletic Hall of Fame Committee under the guidance and direction of the GDA Alumni/ae Council to seek out and select inductees for the GDA Athletic Hall of Fame. The Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is comprised of former and current GDA coaches, the Director of Afternoon Programs, the Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, members of the Alumni/ae Council, and the Headmaster (ex-officio).

This year, the GDA Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the inaugural list of inductees.

Joe Hoague '37 (Deceased)

Bob Rex '53

Carl "Skip" Pescosolido, Jr. '55 (Deceased)

Ray Huard '67

Susan Perry '81

André La Fleur '83

Heb Evans, Coach (Deceased)

The inaugural induction events will take place on Friday, November 7, and Saturday, November 8. On Friday night, there will be a dinner for inductees and their guests, featuring a special multimedia presentation; and on Saturday, there will be a short ceremony, featuring the unveiling of the plaques at halftime of the GDA vs. Belmont Hill Football Game. After the game there will be a larger reception for the inductees, their guests, and the entire GDA community in the Alumni Gymnasium.

Governor Dummer Academy plans to honor inductees to the GDA Athletic Hall of Fame every two years. Our next Induction Ceremony is planned for the fall of 2005.

Faculty

Kelleher Family Faculty Recognition Prize

This prize, in the form of a substantial cash award, was created by a GDA family who asked that it be given annually to a faculty member who, in the best tradition of Mastery Teaching, has demonstrated extraordinary effort and commitment to students in all areas of Governor Dummer life.

The recipient must be a faculty member who has been at GDA for at least three years. He or she must have had substantial contact with students that would involve some combination of teaching, advising, dormitory responsibilities, coaching or other extracurricular involvement.

The senior class votes on a slate of nominees and then a student faculty committee makes the final selection.

Recognized by students and faculty alike as an extraordinary teacher whose classes are as much a symposium on the meaning of life as they are about the nuances of literary criticism and grammar, he is a wise and patient dormitory parent who has created a safe, supportive and inclusive community for the girls in his charge. He is a talented and imaginative director who consistently elicits the very best performances from his actors and actresses. Students are energized and affirmed by

his presence. His colleagues value his support and friendship. The winner of the Kelleher Family Prize is **Paul Wann**.

The Joseph G. Cook, Jr. Faculty Enrichment Grant

To honor the memory of Joseph G. Cook, Jr. of the Class of 1953 his family, classmates, and friends have established an endowment to support our Faculty Enrichment Program. The Joseph Cook Endowment Grant will be awarded each year to an eligible member of the faculty and will enable that individual to pursue a topic of professional interest.



David Moore, Science
Department

The first recipient of the Cook Grant is **David Moore**, who will be using this funding for a travel/study summer trip to the Canadian Maritimes where he will further research topics in his abiding interests of meteorology and climatology.

Awards and Chairs

Teaching Chairs

Endowed Teaching Chairs are a visible and significant means to support and honor a faculty of a great school. This year the Academy named four new recipients to the existing chairs. In addition, because of the magnificent generosity of three donors, three newly endowed teaching chairs were created. Each honoree will occupy his or her chair for three years. During this time he or she will receive a stipend from the income generated from the gift. The rest of the gift's annual income will be used to augment the general faculty and staff compensation pool.

The William Quigley Distinguished Teaching Chair

This Chair was created by an anonymous donor to celebrate the great master teacher tradition that traces its origin back to



Science teacher Fontaine Bradley, Ph.D. accepts The Quigley Chair.

Master Samuel Moody. It recognizes the distinguished teach-

ing and commitment to learning that has long characterized the Governor Dummer Academy Faculty.

He may be the prototype of the absent-minded professor. When he gets caught up in his calculations or his scientific explanations everything else seems to be put on hold. His passion for his discipline is legendary and he passes along this enthusiasm to his students. He structures the classroom so students are interested, thrilled and fascinated by what they learn. One of his former students recounts, "He could have tried to stuff us full of information, prime us all for perfect scores on the Chemistry SAT, but he knew that if he sought primarily to make it interesting, some of what we learned would stick with us past the end of class. He didn't make me want to be a chemist; he made me want to be a teacher."

Fontaine Bradley

The Howard J. Navins Senior Master Chair

The Howard J. Navins Senior Master Chair was established by Howard F. Stirn, Class of 1941, to honor teacher, coach and role model Howard "Buster" Navins who, from 1936 until 1977, had an extraordinary 41-year tenure at Governor Dummer Academy.

He has brought both strong effective leadership and curricular innovation to his academic department. In the process he has fostered an impressive esprit de corps and sense of collegiality. He brings a strong skill set to his duties. He is highly organized, meticulous and responsible. He has acquired a well deserved reputation as a superb instructor who teaches the full range of the curriculum. He is respected for the scope and depth of his knowledge of mathematics and his commitment to life-long learning. He is equally effective with students in the most advanced BC Calculus sections as he is with introductory Algebra students. There is a mutual respect between him and his students that makes his classroom a healthy environment for learning. A patient and knowledgeable coach, he teaches lessons that transcend the playing



Headmaster Emeritus Peter Bragdon and wife Dottie attended Commencement activities.

field. He is a classic schoolman; if assigned a task, one can be confident it will be done

thoroughly and professionally. His commitment to GDA and his unselfishness are worthy of emulation.

Michael Karin

Peter Bragdon Teaching Chair



English teacher Lynda Bromley accepts congratulations from Marty Doggett.

Established by an anonymous donor, the Peter Bragdon Distinguished Teaching Chair honors the vision and leadership that Peter Bragdon provided Governor Dummer Academy during his sixteen-year Headmastership.

She gives generously of herself and asks little in return. She is particularly well-suited for her work because she understands what it takes for young people to mature, and she is prepared to help them as they journey. She is sensible, persistent and equipped with a ready sense of humor. Her judgments are guided by a commitment to fairness, a sense of proportion and a steadfast respect for the truth.

She is at once a lightning rod and a touchstone for this community; her decisions are regularly under the microscope of scrutiny but always speak to the core values and principles of the institution. She is a master at seizing the teachable moment whether it is in her classroom, on the ice or even in the dining room. Her unwavering commitment to students has won her their respect and our admiration.

Lynda Bromley

The Young Master Teaching Chair

The Young Master Teaching Chair was established through the generosity of senior parents of the graduating classes of 1988 and 1989 to celebrate excellence in teaching. The appellation "Young Master" is a somewhat relative term. It can denote a teacher who is in the early stages of his or her career; it can refer to an experienced teacher who has taught at Governor Dummer Academy for only part of his or her career or it can indicate a teacher whose approach to education and learning is fresh, invigorating and innovative.

The new holder of this chair epitomizes the very best of the triple threat tradition. He is an exemplary teacher who is instinctively generous with his time in order to insure that his students succeed. He possesses that special intangible quality that differentiates the very best teachers: the ability to connect equally well with all students

regardless of age, background, aptitude or experience.

He is an outstanding dorm parent with a firm but caring style. His apartment is a magnet for students. He accepts young



Mathematics teacher Matt Gettings receives kudos from the headmaster.

people for who they are. One could not ask for a more animated and enthusiastic baseball or soccer coach. His warmth, sincerity, devotion to GDA and signatory hello make him part of the bedrock of this community.

Matt Gettings

Paul Wann Distinguished Teaching Chair

The generous donor of this chair has stipulated that it be named in honor of one of our outstanding teachers. Governor Dummer Academy could not have anticipated what Paul Wann would unleash upon the campus when he was hired 17 years ago. Classes rich with scholarship, ideas and candor; daring creative theater productions; a dorm experience which is truly a family; and, yes, in the early years, remarkable thirds lacrosse teams! More importantly, he has served as the palpable soul and conscience of

this community. He brings exquisite grace and equanimity to all his interactions with students and colleagues alike. A man for all seasons, he richly deserves a distinguished teaching chair named in his honor.

Our honoree is a master teacher. She is unfailingly generous with her time for students. They find her to be kind, encouraging and understanding. She has been a model of congeniality for her colleagues; a particularly wise and patient mentor for younger faculty members.

She asks astute questions that cut to the heart of our social conscience. She is committed to diversity and has worked tirelessly to create a more sensitive and tolerant Governor Dummer Academy. Her empathy, compassion and social responsibility represent what we wish our best selves to be.

Kathy Krall Guy

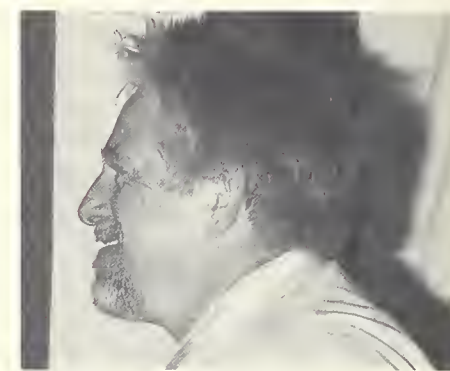
William Beale Jacob Chair

A newly created chair given by the generosity of an anonymous donor to honor the career of William Beale Jacob.

A graduate of Bowdoin and Harvard, William Beale Jacob came to Governor Dummer Academy in August of 1930 after several years of teaching Latin at both Groton and Andover.

His colleagues described Mr. Jacob as a great teacher who maintained a rigorous standard and whose students could not

resist his quiet and searching wit. In an essay on Mr. Jacob, Mac Murphy, a much-revered member of the Old Guard, referred to him as "a man in whom a spirit burned constantly, an intense, clear, and enduring flame which shed its radiance on everything



Paul Wann, English teacher and Drama Director

he undertook. He was deeply devoted to his students and set for them an example of unwearying pursuit of perfection rather than adequacy."

William Jacob also coached the football team and served the Academy as assistant Headmaster. He died tragically in November of 1938. His death was a deeply felt loss for Governor Dummer.

The first holder of the Jacob chair sets an example of unwearying pursuit of perfection rather than adequacy in his approach to teaching. A departmental colleague observed that "he is constantly tinkering with his teaching, ever evolving, aggressively avoiding stagnancy and complacency, always reading, forever seeking the Platonic ideal." He sets high standards for his students and pushes them to do their best.

He is an excellent class advisor, a committed varsity coach and an engaged dorm parent.

He genuinely enjoys being in the company of students and they in turn appreciate his wit, warmth, compassion and friendship. His high principles, probing intellect and generosity of spirit have influenced our community for the good.

Perry Nelson

The Thomas D. Sayles, Jr., '49 Chair in honor of Art Sager

Good teachers change the way their students view the world. Great teachers provide the tools for life beyond the classroom. Art Sager was such a man. From 1930 to 1969, he taught the boys of Governor Dummer about commitment, honor, responsibility and what it takes to be a man.

To celebrate the gifts of knowledge and wisdom which Art Sager gave to him and so many other GDA young men, Thomas Sayles has endowed a

teaching chair in honor of his beloved mentor.

Tom Sayles himself became a role model for others, a man Art Sager would be proud to call his protégé. Tom graduated from Governor Dummer in 1949 and went on to earn his undergraduate degree at Dartmouth College and an advanced degree at New York University. He became a prominent figure in the banking industry, retiring as Chairman of the Board of Summit Bancorp. He has been a civic leader, serving as a trustee of Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey; The Papermill Playhouse, one of the country's finest regional repertory theaters; and the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, Tom has demonstrated his lifelong commitment to the advancement of education by serving on the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, as a trustee and chair of the capital campaign of Drew University, and by establishing

the Thomas D. Sayles, Jr. Endowment Fund for Faculty and Student Research in Business and Organizational Ethics at Dartmouth.

It is with admiration and appreciation that today we thank Tom Sayles for his many contributions to society, and for this chair he has endowed in memory of the man he so respected.

The Thomas D. Sayles Chair in honor of Art Sager is awarded to that teacher who best embodies the spirit and vigor of Tom Sayles Class of 1949 and his mentor Art Sager.

Her professional credentials are impressive, she holds a doctorate from Johns Hopkins University, is an accomplished research scientist, a Fulbright Fellow, a procurer of a National Science Foundation grant, and an academic Department Chair. With such a pedigree, one might expect her to be an ivory tower intellectual who keeps mere mortals at arms length.

Nothing could be further from

the truth. She is down to earth, genuine, personable and unpretentious. She is firmly embedded into the fabric of the GDA community in a variety of important ways. She is an innovative teacher who exposes her students to authentic research opportunities. As she coordinates our community service program, she doesn't just administer the program, she walks the talk of the school motto, "not for self but for others." She provides sage wisdom and perspective as a member of the Discipline Committee. Every major school committee that is impanelled covets her services because of her good sense, her strong work ethic and her ability to think outside the box. The credibility and respect she enjoys is enormous and well deserved.

Susan Oleszko Szuts

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Lorene Cary

photograph by Candace diCarlo

Common Book Author Chosen

Lorene Cary has been chosen as the GDA Common Book Author for the 2003-2004 academic year. Students and faculty may choose to read either or both of her two books, *Black Ice* and *The Price of a Child*.

Black Ice is Ms. Cary's stunning memoir of her experiences as one of the first black female students at St. Paul's prep school in the 1970s. *The Price of a Child* is the author's intimate, gripping novel of one woman's experi-

ence escaping slavery through the Underground Railroad. It is based on the true story of a valiant Philadelphia freedwoman.

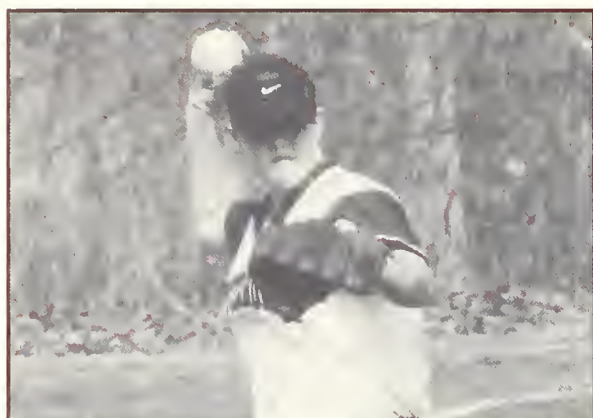
Workshops and small discussion groups with Ms. Cary will take place on December 9 when she will also address the entire school and guests at a morning convocation.

Both books are available from the GDA bookstore.

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Looking Back at the Year in Sports

Varsity Softball



Amanda Webb '03

The softball season started out a bit slow with two losses in our first two games, one of which was a 3-2 loss to the eventual league champions, BB&N. We then went on a nine-game winning streak due to some great pitching, clutch hitting and excellent defensive play. We will be losing five seniors who have been a huge part of the team's success, but they are leaving behind a very strong foundation that should lead to some very exciting play in the upcoming years.

Danielle Kingsbury, coach

Varsity Golf

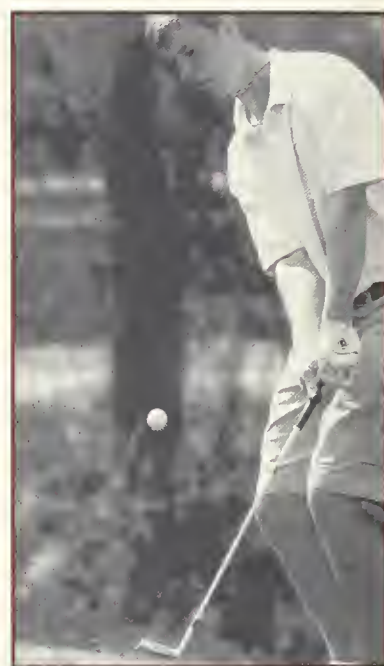
The Varsity Golf Team, under the eyes of coaches Mike Moonves and Babe Ceglarski, came into the 2003 season looking to follow up their strong showings in the previous year with some more competitive golf. The team was given great leadership by the five seniors on the team, Co-Captains Tim Johnson and Phil McInnis, Jeff Black, Andrew Lundquist, and MVP for the 2003 season, Aanand Radia. Johnson, Black, and Radia all received ISL All-League honors, Radia doing so at his first appearance at the Championships, Johnson and Black both for the second consecutive year. The team finished second at the championships by four shots for the second year in a row, this time to Middlesex at their home course of Concord Country Club. The team fared well once again in the Witherspoon Cup,

defending its title from last year by a large margin of victory over Phillips Academy Andover and Phillips Exeter Academy. Donnie Weiczorek '04, elected to be next year's Captain, made a strong contribution throughout the season at the number three spot, and he earned many key victories against tough opponents for the Governors. Andrew Lundquist compiled a match play record of 10-2-1, clearly one of the best in the ISL. His record demonstrates the competitiveness he possesses because in match play it is only you and your opponent. The Governors had hoped to defend their regular season championship from last year, but came up short and finished second in the league behind Belmont Hill. Brian Gallagher '04, Christian Smith '04, Jason Sport '04, Matt Reason '04, and Daniel Lundquist '06 made contributions to the team this year and show great potential for the future. The seniors know that they are leaving Oulde Newbury in good hands. As a captain I never thought I would be so lucky to spend my last afternoons at Governor Dummer with such a great group of guys. The seniors on the team have watched the golf program at Governor Dummer make great strides over the past four years, and wish next year's team good luck in their efforts to continue to build upon what has been created.

Captain Phil McInnis '03

Varsity Baseball

The 2003 men of the diamond met with much adversity. Battling through numerous reschedulings, indoor practices and a few nagging injuries, the Gobs put together a good season going



Christian Smith '04



Allen Cooper '03

10 - 6 - 1 overall. Playing with a nucleus of seven sophomores, the Govs were scrappy and in contention for the W in all games but one. This bodes well for the future, but we are losing some veteran leadership in All-league and team MVP Allen Cooper and four-year letter winner Marc Borden. Besides the rising juniors returning, the Govs will be led by captains Tom Hyndman and Brian McGuirk (all-league selection) as well as senior first baseman Toby Bradford. With a good group of incoming players, we are looking to improve on this year's record and vie for the league title.

Shawn Markey, Coach

Varsity Men's Tennis

Though this year's team did not achieve the lofty goal of winning the league, like the immortal Dodgers of the 1950s, we take solace and inspiration in the words "wait till next year." Despite not having a winning record on paper, there are still many reasons to celebrate this team. Our goals at the beginning of the season were to work hard in every practice and push each other to become better players, to encourage each other and to be supportive teammates, to blend as a team, to win at least three matches, to enter each match with a positive and confident attitude, to win more doubles matches, to always exhibit sportsmanship and composure on the court, to be serious and intense, and also have a lot of fun. All of these goals were accomplished.

There are three seniors on the team that I would like to



acknowledge. Tyler Collins played J.V. for three years and worked hard to earn his way on to the varsity in this his senior year. Tyler improved immeasurably over the course of the spring, and he was a consummate team player.



Eric Schroeder was our super star last year, but due to an injury, he couldn't play at all this year. Eric is a two-year captain and, like last year, Eric would have been one of the top players in the league this year. Eric set the standard of play for us in his sophomore and junior year and he certainly elevated the stature of our tennis program in every way.



David Spector is a four-year varsity player, and a two-year captain. He played number one singles this spring and played the best tennis of his four-year career. David is a great competitor; he never loses his poise, and like everything David does, he brings dignity, skill, passion, humor, and a healthy perspective to the game of tennis. By virtue of David's superb leadership this year and his inspiring play, David was also our MVP.

Perry Nelson, Coach

Varsity Women's Tennis

The Women's Tennis pre-season began with a downer when it was learned in February that our perennial all-league player and two-year captain, Jackie Ross, was going to miss the sea-



L to R: Coach David Moore, Ruth Splaine '05, Erin Shedd '03, Becky Roche '06 Sara LeBlanc '04, Mike Lynch, Kate Hugo '03, Eden Gudonis '03, Katherine Paul '04 and Jackie Ross '03

son with two torn ligaments and a stress fracture to her right elbow. Jackie turned this adversity into a plus when she decided to try and play left-handed. Within a month she had worked her way back up to number one on the team ladder. Remarkably, she finished the season with a winning record, was featured on Mike Lynch's Channel Five "High Five" for this unbelievable feat, and was voted by the league to her fourth all-league team. Jackie will soon return to playing right-handed and will compete for Middlebury College in the fall.

Senior Kate Hugo also had a terrific season, finishing with a winning record and showing true grit in many tight contests. She will display her tennis talents at Skidmore. Seniors Eden Gudonis and Erin Shedd competed admirably and gained some key points for the team in close matches. Junior Katherine Paul improved immeasurably during the season, also gaining key points in singles and doubles and was elected by the team as next year's captain. A pleasant plus for us was the addition of frosh Becky Roche, whose athleticism enabled her to achieve a winning record for the season. Junior Sarah

LeBlanc and sophomore Ruth Splaine stepped in and helped the team whenever it was short handed. They are expected to be stalwarts on next year's team.

David Moore, Coach

Varsity Women's Track

The Varsity Women's track team finished its season in



Alison Engel '04 and Jessica Long '04

fine form, taking second place in the Independent School Track Association's meet on May 10, making them runner-up for the ISL league championship. Outstanding performances came from senior Elizabeth Dipple of Andover who was winner of the 300-meter hurdles; and junior Jessica Long of Lynn who placed first in the javelin, shot put and discus, her 36-foot 3/4-inch shot put creating a new ISTA record and according her, for the second consecutive year, the accolade of "outstanding field performer of the meet."

At the New England Division 2 championships, held at GDA on May 17, the girls finished fourth overall. Elizabeth Dipple

again distinguished herself, taking first in the 300 intermediate hurdles and third in the 100-meter hurdles.

Tim Weir, Coach



Andrew Huebner '06 and Brendan Curran '04

VARSITY MEN'S TRACK

In an impressive about-face, the Varsity Men's Track team took first in the spring New England Division 3 championships, besting 17 other teams. Robert Francois, a junior from Houston, Texas, was 100-meter champion, second in the 200, and anchored both the 4x100 and 4x400-meter relays. Senior Oliver Burns of Australia took second place in both the javelin and discus.

I was very impressed with the way the boys turned their sixth place the week before at the ISL meet into a first place performance in the New Englands. It was a very close meet for the boys, and it came down to the last event, the 4x400, emphasizing that every point counts. When you win by 3 points, everyone on the team knows his point counted.

Tim Weir, Coach

VARSITY MEN'S HOCKEY

The 2002-2003 Men's Varsity Hockey team finished the season with a 15-8-3 overall record and an 11-4-1 ISL Keller Division record good for second place behind league champion St. Sebastian's. For the first time since 1992, the Governors qualified for the New England Prep School Division I Tournament (entering as the third ranked



Men's Varsity Hockey Team

team in the East) but lost to Cushing Academy in the quarterfinals. Seniors Marc Bastarache (captain), Marc Borden, Taso Kapernekas, Barry McLaughlin, Andy Shealy and Jan Tabak provided solid leadership and strong play throughout the season. Bastarache was selected by his teammates as the MVP and Tabak received the Wasson Award as this year's unsung hero. Bastarache, Brian McGuirk (captain), Don Wieczorek and Kevin Kapstad were recognized as All-League in the ISL. The 2003-2004 team will once again be led by McGuirk who, with the help of 14 returning players, will look to continue to build on the program's recent success.

Peter Kravchuk, Coach

VARSITY WOMEN'S HOCKEY



Women's Varsity Hockey Team

The Women's Hockey team ended the 2002-3 season with 10 wins and was two places out from its second New England bid in three years. With solid performances from 16 players from all four classes, the future of GDA hockey looks promising. We were blessed with great leadership from a dynamic senior class that included two-year captains Shannon Falvey and Jenn Arno. Four of the six seniors were on the team for their entire careers here and witnessed both highs and lows during that time. With a good crop of underclassmen, there is no telling how far next year's team might go. Three players received honorable mention All-League status: sophomores Kelsey Johnson and Torie Allen, and freshman Erin Connors. Thanks to Shannon, Jenn, Lexi Heersink, Megan Lagasse, Eden Gudonis and Lindsay Clunie for their hard work and dedicated effort to the program during their time at GDA. The addition of five experienced new players to next

year's roster could make for a great season. Be sure to follow the trail of next year's team.

Babe Ceglarski, Coach

Varsity Women's Basketball

The Varsity Women's Basketball team enjoyed a successful season led by captains Meghan O'Malley and Jessica Long. A young and determined team made steady improvement throughout the season, ending up 7-5 in the ISL and 8-10 overall. Perhaps our most impressive and rewarding contest was against the undefeated Brooks School, capturing the win 52-47. That game demonstrated that as a team, we could come together and accomplish any task we put our minds to. Some individuals who shined throughout the season were Meghan O'Malley



Meghan O'Malley '03

and Julie O'Shaughnessy who were both recognized at the Class B New England Women's All-Star Game. Meghan was also awarded ISL All-League Honors while Julie received Honorable Mention. All of the ladies should be commended for their determination, hard work and excellent sportsmanship as they took on a challenging schedule.

Erin Flynn, Assistant Coach

Varsity Volleyball

The Varsity Volleyball team had a victorious season with an



Brooke Eaton '03

overall record of 11 wins, 3 losses and no ties. The girls took a close second place in the New England finals at the Gunnery School in Connecticut after winning first place at the Eastern Massachusetts Volleyball tournament (formerly the Eastern Independent League tournament). Seeded as the number three of six teams, the team from GDA began the tournament with a game against Beaver Country Day School, victorious in both matches. The second competition came when the home team of Milton split matches with GDA, with a very exciting second contest earning GDA a 25-12 win. GDA pushed on to meet Buckingham, Browne and Nichols for the third time, winning once again. GDA made it to the finals to play a young, but tough team from Bancroft. Match one had both teams neck and neck until the very end when GDA pulled out a 27-25 win. Intensity grew in the second match and the Governors walked away with a

clean, well-deserved win. Coaches from all teams voted senior outside hitter Gabby Petraglia All Tournament MVP and junior setter Emily Moore GDA all-star. We bid farewell to seven amazing graduating seniors, but we have five talented athletes to carry the torch next season.

Lynne Hueber, Coach

Varsity Men's Soccer

We set for ourselves a goal of winning ten games this season, and ended up with a respectable record of 7-7-2. We tied two games that we thought we should have won, and we lost three games by a one-goal margin that could have gone either way. Our goal always seemed to be within our sight, but ended up always being just out of our reach.

The highlight of the season was our 1-0 win over Brooks during Parents Weekend. Kevin Kapsted scored a beautiful goal midway through the second half, and our defense stood strong to preserve the shutout for Alex Berry. The game is played for the coveted Navins-Eusden cup, and we are all very proud to have this cup back in Byfield. It was an exhilarating, hard fought, emotional, gutsy game, and one that won't be forgotten for a very long time by the players or the coaches.

Several players deserve note. Three players were named to the ISL All-League team. Jarid Siegel was named to the first team and Pat Monigle and Kevin Kapsted were named to the second team. Tim Johnson played varsity soccer for four years, which is something that is



Jeremy Beech '04

rarely achieved. Through his commitment and hard work, he helped rebuild the program and was an outstanding leader as one of our co-captains.

This year's MVP award went to Pat Monigle, an individual who is very passionate about the game of soccer. He works as hard as he can in every practice and in every game. He was our spiritual leader in the locker room and our field general on the pitch. He has been one of the keys to our resurgent success over the last two years, and he was an outstanding co-captain this year.

Perry Nelson, Coach

Varsity Football

Finishing with a record of 7 wins and a single loss, the 2002 team was outstanding. GDA was second in the league in scoring, with 227 points and third in team defense, allowing only 95 points. Led by a remarkable group of seniors — Brandon Bates, Josh Baumann, Oli Burns, DJ Connaughton, Chris Ebinger, Ben Gobin, John Leonard (co-captain),

Garrett Lyons (co-captain), and Greg McDonnell — the team improved steadily as the season progressed. By the time we faced Belmont Hill in our last game of the season, we were well-polished and eager. For us, there was only one acceptable outcome in



Quinn McGonigle '04

that rivalry, and we were fortunate enough to reach that goal.

Our captains and seniors deserve special thanks, and several other players also deserve recognition. DJ Connaughton received the Coaches Award for his role as our unsung hero as a special team's maverick, and for his work ethic in practice. Sophomore running back Brian Morrissey, second in the league in scoring, was overwhelmingly voted as team MVP. Josh Baumann, junior Robert Francois, John Leonard, Garrett Lyons, junior Quinn McGonigle, and Morrissey earned selection to the All-League team. Next to these award winners was a unified team consisting of individuals who were committed to a common cause and who were passionate about the great game of football. Lucky for us, many of these players are returning next year for what promises to be another noteworthy season. Please stay tuned.

Mark Gerry, Coach

Varsity Women's Cross-Country

The 2002 varsity team completed its ISL season with a 12-0 mark, its third consecutive undefeated season and the fifth undefeated team in GDA Womens' X-C history. As defending champ, the team placed second of 13 teams, by three points, to Groton in the ISL Championship meet at St. Mark's. Also two-time defending champ in the Div. II NEs, GDA placed second of 21 teams to Hopkins Grammar at the Berkshire School.

The team was led by junior Lesley Clunie, who won all but one regular season meet, placed fifth in the league meet, and repeated as NE champion. She broke Nobles' course record and also the Berkshire NEs course record by :12. The old record (1996) was held by Claire Shearman, GDA '98, an All-American runner at Division I Providence College. Heading the All-NE Team, Clunie continued the string of NE victories at Berkshire begun by



Varsity Women's Cross-Country Team

Alexis Colby GDA '91 in 1990. The success of this team depended on its strength, speed, depth and tight pack. Senior tri-captains Laura Ellison, Gwyneth Stokes and Julia Tataronis were ably supported by juniors Kelsey Quigley, Anya Ravitz, and Lindsey Marsh as well as by sophomores Caroline Ott and Hannah Sylvester. Ellison and Stokes, four-year veterans, helped their team to two firsts and two seconds in the NEs, a third, first and second in the league championships, and three undefeated seasons.

David Abusamra, Coach

Varsity Men's Cross-Country

The 2002 GDA Men's Varsity Cross-Country team finished the season with a 6-9 record in the Independent School League. Led by senior Co-Captains Tyler Youngblood and Sean Corbett, the team was comprised of several returning runners (Jay Ruais '04, Jon Smith '03, Carl Noblitt '03, Brendan Curran '04, Greg Ceglarski '04) and a promising trio of new recruits (Andrew Huebner '06, Jordan Nankov '05, Zach Cotreau '06). As a team they ran consistently in every race, with a 1-5 split time



Varsity Men's Cross-Country Team

around 1:30 and a 1-7 split of about 2:30. Against the stronger teams in the league, they ran courageously in defeat, and against the weaker teams they ran with confidence and strength in victory. Highlights of the season include an excellent team effort in the race at Belmont Hill: though it resulted in two losses, the team fought hard on a monotonous circuitous course. The race on Parents Weekend also deserves mention as the boys ran strongly against powerhouse St. Paul's. While the team's result in the ISL Championship race at St. Mark's was a disappointing 12th of 16 teams, the boys rebounded in the New England Championship race held at Brooks. There they earned a ninth place finish out of 19 teams, and several runners set personal records. At the varsity banquet that concluded the season, Andrew Huebner was named the team MVP for his several top finishes for the team, and Tyler Youngblood was the recipient of the first Abusamra Coaches Award, an honor established this fall.

David Abusamra, Coach

Varsity Field Hockey



Claire de Lacvivier '03

This year's varsity field hockey team completed the season with a 13-3-1 record, marking the first winning record for the team since 1988, and garnering the first New England Field Hockey Championship in GDA history. When I came to GDA as a student, I promised to bring home two banners for GDA. When I graduated with only one, it was my dream to return to GDA and earn the other. This year's team took my dream and made it their own. These girls would have done anything for me and coaching them was the highlight of my athletic career. They are the best. I hope that they will always remember that nothing worth getting ever came easy and to always play with pride

because they earned it. The future of GDA field hockey looks bright!

Highlights of the season included big wins over previously undefeated St. Paul's, Suffield, and Kimball Union, and post-season wins over Suffield Academy and Sacred Heart (including four goals in the first six minutes of the semi-final game, though one was called back). The many team dinners were also a highlight. Six graduating players will continue to compete in college:

- ~ Annie Peterman and Shannon Falvey at Trinity College
- ~ Megan Lagasse at St. Michael's
- ~ Angela Rappoli at Tufts University
- ~ Allison Marcoux at the University of Vermont

Individual Honors: MVP, Shannon Falvey; All-League, Shannon Falvey, Stirling Winder, and Moira Talbot; All-League Honorable Mention, Ashley Foley

Moira Talbot was leading scorer. Goalie Angela Rappoli had 5 shutouts.

Gretchen Scharfe, Coach



Erin Shedd '03 and Stirling Winder '04

FROM FIELD HOCKEY TEAM CO-CAPTAIN, SHANNON FALVEY

I cannot say enough about the field hockey team this year. We were pretty top heavy with 12 seniors, but the six underclassmen were a solid core. I don't think that anyone, except Ms. Scharfe, knew how good we were at the beginning of the season. It was actually surprising to see how good we were once we stepped on the field. I think what was key for us was our transition game; it was virtually flawless. Stirling Winder and her amazing hits would immediately switch the game from defense to offense. Jackie Ross could not be stopped and easily tallied over 10 points within the first few games of the season. Moira Talbot, our highest scorer, would weave throughout the defense only to finish with picture perfect goals. Annie Peterman held the midfield



Varsity Women's Field Hockey Team



Megan Hartnett '05

together with great stick skills and perfect passes. And finally Angela Rappoli was a rock in net - the team was just too deep to be beaten...EVERYONE played a part on this team, and we had such a great time doing it.

Varsity Women's Soccer

While the women's soccer record this year was certainly not outstanding, what was outstanding is the way the players never gave up. We were plagued with injuries and consequently many new young players were forced into major contributing positions. By the end of the season, five freshman players were seeing significant playing time. If you followed our season, you'd note that we matured as a team, winning 4 of the last 5 games. These were huge wins against big teams such as St. Paul's and Exeter, which was ultimately seeded ninth in the A division, narrowly missing a berth in the New England Tournament. One might certainly refer to this as a building year for the women's team, building in skill, building in character and building as team. All of this bodes very well for future of the program; with the experience the young players gained this year, coupled with maturity, the team is truly looking forward to next fall's season.

Bert McLain, Coach

Varsity Men's Basketball

This year's Varsity Men's Basketball team finished the season with a 6-9 record in ISL play and was 7-16 overall. By the standards of past teams, this was a disappointing season, one of very few losing seasons over the past quarter-century. Losing starting point guard Elvinson Corporan to injury early in the season contributed to the disappointing

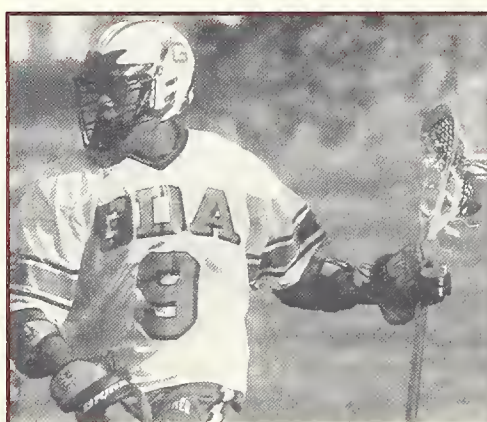
record, but the team simply did not have the impact type players needed to compete against the better ISL and NEPSAC teams. Still, this was a young team with no senior on the roster. Time and again these players demonstrated heart and determination, generally against stronger opponents.

Nick Tomaino finished as the ISL's third leading scorer, earning All-League Recognition. He also was the team MVP. All-League honorable mention awards went to Elvinson Corporan, Raul Cruz and Rob Francois.

Stephen Metz, Coach

Varsity Men's Lacrosse

The 2003 Men's Lacrosse team finished with a record of 6 wins and 10 losses. Injuries, illness and bad weather conspired to



D.J. Ward '04

prevent this young group from getting rolling. John Leonard and Taso Kapernekas as captains provided the leadership. After a 5-2 start and a nice win vs. St. George's, injuries took their toll. The Red Dogs battled hard, losing several games by close margins and remaining

competitive throughout. John Leonard was named team MVP and Ben Gobin received the Senior Lacrosse Trophy. With a strong nucleus returning, and an excellent JV program, the future continues to be bright for the Red Dogs.

Peter Bidstrup, Coach

Varsity Women's Lacrosse

The Varsity Women's Lacrosse team had a rebuilding season after being co-champions of the league last year. Returning players stepped up to help the team win some big games. Five players on the team made one of the five New England Schoolgirls Lacrosse teams. Junior Moira Talbot was the team's leading scorer and senior captain Annie Peterman was second leading scorer as well as the team's M.V.P. Most of the squad will be returning next year with high hopes of taking the next step towards another championship season.

Anna Gerry, Coach



Sayer Sweeney '04



Megan Lagasse '03

Reunion 2003

Alumni Awards

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



Alumnus of the Year, Marc Tucker '68

Each year the Alumni Council selects an alumnus who has been unfailingly loyal to the Academy and has been an active and contributing member of his or her commu-

nity. Jim Deveney, president of the Alumni Council, presented the award during Reunion 2003.

This year's recipient has been, in a variety of ways, closely associated with GDA for many years, as was his family when he was a student here. For a good number of you, his family made sure that sartorial splendor was an everyday occurrence in Byfield. Today he is an ever-present figure on campus. Whether it's watching games or musical performances or attending various committee meetings, this gentleman has put his heart and soul into the Academy.

During his four years at GDA he did it all – Cum Laude, Milestone and Governor staff, Dormitory Proctor, Red Key, a three sport athlete and captain of two – in sum, excellence in academics, athletics and leadership – he was known for his "competitive drive, his unflagging spirit...and his dedication to team rather than self."

Fortunately for Governor Dummer, he continues to dedicate to team rather than self – in his own community, for his family – he is the glue for his class, a longtime member of the Alumni Council, and presently on the recently formed Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. His regular presence on this campus is special.

Celebrating his 35th Reunion with the great class of 1968, this year's Alumnus of the Year Award went to **Marc Kray Tucker**.



John Davidson '35 with his son Barry '67, holding the silver bowl he was awarded as Oldest Alumnus in Attendance.

Highest Participation Silver Bowl Awards went to Class of 1978 alumni Ike Suggs, Leslie Russell Lafond and Scott M. Pope



Silver Bowl for Most Reunion Dollars Raised went to Class of 1973 alumni Robert E. Phillips, G. Douglas Pope (pictured with Alumni Council President Jim Deveney '60 on the left), and Edward C. Young.



Class of 1953
(left to right)

Dick Marr, Frank Dow, Tom Craig, Tom Whitney, George Bowden, Ed Dodge, Charlie Palmer, Larry Guild, Dick Osgood, Phil Smith, Bill King, Bill Plumer, Windy Gale, Tom Windle, Dick Devane



Winner of the Pie Race,
Claire Shearman '98

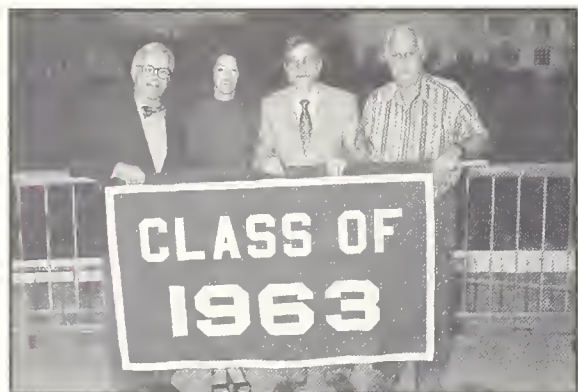


Class of 1958
(left to right)

Jack Morse, Harvey Hayden, Ralph Ardoff, Jim Sylvester, June Withington, Nuff Withington



Tom Whitney '53,
Alison Whitney,
Dick Osgood '53,
Carol Windle, Bill Plumer
'53, William King '53

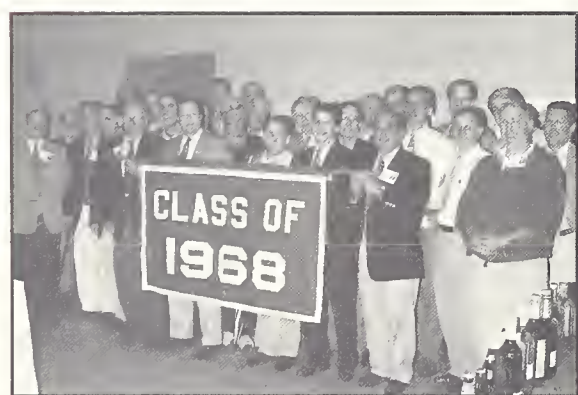


Class of 1963
(left to right)

Frank Gummey, Susan Gummey, Robert Taylor, John MacIntyre



Charles Palmer '53,
Bill King '53, Pat Palm
Cindy King, Julie Smith
Phil Smith '53



Class of 1968
(left to right)

Wayne Barbaro, Ash Eames '48, Harold Levine, Carl Spang, Ted Brooks, Val Wilkie, Bill Degen, Jim Rudolph, Art Veasey, Rob Lord, Josh Burns, Tom Jacobs, Bob Parsons, John Emerson, Carl Berntsen, Steve Robinson, Chris Page, Harry Kangis, Steve Murphy, Ted Nahil, Dan Spofford, Marc Tucker, David Mitchell, Jay Worthen, Dan Look, Charlie Johnson, Rich Kaye-Schiess



Class of 1973
(left to right)

Dave Metcalf, Mark Hoffman, Doug Pope, Craig Dowley, Bob Phillips, Tony Hall, Gordon Thompson, Chris Baker, Jaike Williams, Dolf Haffenreffer



Old Guard

On Saturday, June 14, a bench on the lawn of Boynton House was dedicated to the memory of Brendon Oreto '98. Classmate Beth Pilkington sang a song for the group of GDA friends assembled for the event. Other classmates placed yellow roses on the bench.



Runners enjoyed a rest after finishing GDA's annual Reunion Weekend Pie Race. Warm fruit pies went to all the competitors. (left to right)
Front Row: Jamie Brayshaw, Amy Brayshaw, Ted Smith '88, Mary Gerry (sitting), Sarah Bradshaw '83, Judy Rokous
Middle Row: Paul Bucci '88, Mary Stevens, Susan Gummey, Susan Perry '81, Anna Hill Gerry '85, Claire Shearman '98
Back Row: Dana Stetson '78, Rick Neville '78, Geoff Peters '73



Bob Rex '53, Headmaster Marty Doggett, Dick Osgood '53, and former faculty member Bill Sperry enjoyed Reunion Dinner in the Alumni Gym.

English teacher Maud Hamovit conducted a class discussion with Bill King '53, Cindy King '53 and John MacIntyre '63



Class of 1978 (left to right)

Jim Giampa, Todd Dagres, James Goodhart, Leslie Russell Lafond, Tina Heffron Fisher, Geoff Gwynne, Tom Driscoll, Peter Hey, Curtiss Fox, Alice Moseley-Granlund, Laurie Altschuler, Doug Beattie, David Drukker, Scott Pope, Greg Kaknes, Rolf Dammann, Doug Minster, Greg Rose, Pam Webb Gentile, Andrew Robinson, Dana Stetson, John Webster, Anna Markos Bussing, Ike Suggs, Ray Casey, Phil Ogden, Jon Palais, Brad Clark



Class of 1983 (left to right)

Hope Williams, Sarah Bradshaw, Ann Sperry Vajda, Danielle Schwartz Jacobs, Greg Skaff, Laura Koffman Reed, Calab Ham, Mark Staley



Class of 1988 (left to right)

Julie Miller Segal, Kara Moheban McLoy, Kristina VonTrapp Frame, Chris D'Orio, Anne Cole, Heather Moore Roche, Damon Kinzie, Charity Lombardi Simard, Heather Hinrichs, Andy Noel



Class of 1993 (left to right)

Tucker Trainor, Kenseth Thibideau, Ilse Abusamra, Eric Edholm, Shawn Markey, Archie Seale, Jen Saunders, Nancy Stevenson



Class of 1998 (left to right)

Front Row: Robin O'Reilly, Beth Pilkington, Erika Ruff, Kate Katzenberg, Emily Novis, Elle Erickson, Jill Welenc, Hillary St. Jean, Caitlin Marino, Claire Shearman, Sarah Turner, Adelle Lilly, Alex McHale

Back Row: Phil Venturelli, Chris Prendergast, Unidentifiable, Patrick Forrest, Greg Carroll, David Chapman, Andy Ramirez, Shane O'Neill, Hans Carbonneau, Gabe Wayne, Jacob Chase, Kevin McDormand, Mike Meagher



Emeritus Honorees 2003

Honoree, former
Headmaster Val Wilkie, with Trustee
President Dan Morgan '67, P'97, '02



The Academy Board of Trustees, based on a proposal by the Faculty Life Committee, voted and approved the initiative to grant emeritus status to all faculty and staff who retire from GDA with an aggregate of no fewer than 25 years or equivalent of full-time employment at the Academy, and to headmasters who retire from GDA. Emeritus faculty will be listed first, after the headmaster, in appropriate GDA publications, will be honorary invitees to special school events, and will be invited to walk at Commencement. This honor is conferred retroactively to all eligible faculty, headmasters and staff, living or deceased, who served GDA in the last century.

On June 14, at a special ceremony during Reunion Weekend, 23 Governor Dummer Academy faculty, staff and former headmasters were honored with emeritus status. Headmaster Marty Doggett delivered words of admiration for all the honorees.

Marguerite Ames 1951-1978 Secretary to the Director of Studies

A devoted and loyal assistant to the Director of Studies. Thorough, unflappable and efficient, she was a critical player in the academic scheduling of the school; an endeavor that can sometimes rival the planning for D-Day with its levels of complexity. Her kindness was legendary. She would regularly invite homesick boarding students for proverbial doses of tea and sympathy.

Robert E. Anderson 1957-1996 Teacher of Science, Coach, Dormitory Master and Athletic Director

The triple threat, teacher, coach and dorm parent are at the core of a successful residential school. Bob Anderson represented the very best of this tradition. He was passionate about everything that he did and was totally committed to the students at GDA. He was highly respected as one of the leaders of the Independent School League Athletic Directors. A man of high principles and vision.

Pierre N. Baratelli 1967-1997 Teacher of Foreign Languages, Dormitory Master, Department Chair and Director of Humanities

Pierre taught French language and culture with a savoir-faire and élan that were both distinctive and memorable for his students. He was an artist in his own right and believed strongly that Governor Dummer should expose students to the cultural possibilities in the greater Boston area. He established the Humanities program which continues to provide GDA students with opportunities to attend plays, concerts, ballets and museum events.

Peter Bragdon 1983-1999 Headmaster

Peter Bragdon provided GDA with exemplary leadership during his 16-year headmastership. He was a master builder, a boarding school version of Robert Moses. The physical improvements he oversaw literally transformed this campus while still maintaining its distinctive New England charm and beauty. More importantly, he built a tight-knit community, a place where students and faculty cherish and support each other.



Former Assistant to the Business Manager, Sylvia Lunt poses with Dan Morgan '67, P'97, '02 and watercolor of Schoolhouse given to all emeriti.



Emeriti recipients, The Meister Singers and Alumni sang the Senior Song.

Emeriti (left to right): Edna Finnegan, Louise Lovell, Sylvia Lunt, Jean Niederer (daughter of Marguerite Ames), Jean Sutton (daughter of Art Sager), Douglas Miller, William Sperry, David Abusamra (representing Pierre Baretelli), Jack Ragle, Valteau Wilkie, (back to camera) Clark Neily, John Witherspoon, Ash Eames (son of Edward Eames), Stephen Murphy (son of Mac Murphy), Peter Dunning (son of Edgar Dunning), Bob Anderson, R.V. Evans (brother of Heb Evans), David Williams, Tom M. Mercer Jr. (Tom Mercer's son), Peter Bragdon, Cara Martin (Ben Stone's granddaughter), Alec White.

Edgar Dunning 1930-1966

Teacher of English, Dormitory Master and Business Manager

Edgar Dunning was known for his eye for nuance and detail. This was true both in his analysis of literature with his English students or in carrying out his responsibilities as Business Manager. No portion of the campus or any of our historic buildings escaped his constant scrutiny. His building inspections were anticipated with considerable fear and trepidation by dormitory parents because of his reputation for high and exacting standards. One of the members of the legendary Old Guard.

Edward W. Eames 1939-1950

Headmaster (conferred posthumously)

One of the giants in the annals of twentieth century headmasters, Mr. Eames was responsible for bringing Governor Dummer Academy to a significant place among American boarding schools. He was a principled and demanding leader of the school but he inspired great loyalty. He had an uncanny eye for faculty recruitment, and was responsible for hiring and retaining some of the Academy's most distinctive teachers.

G. Heberton Evans III 1948-1985

Teacher of Mathematics Coach, Dormitory Master (conferred posthumously)

A lacrosse and wrestling coach for the ages. Heb Evans inspired fierce loyalty and devotion from his players. The lessons he taught his players transcended the playing field. He published four books on lacrosse, one of which he wrote with colleague Bob Anderson on lacrosse fundamentals that remains a primer for every coach. A committed math teacher, many a lost or shipwrecked student was guided through the stormy seas of algebra and geometry by his patience and caring.

Edna Finnegan 1951-1980

Bookkeeper and Receptionist

For many years, Edna Finnegan was the voice of GDA over the switchboard. Her cheery and friendly manner over the phone immediately put folks at ease. Edna was always an outstanding ambassador for the Academy. She was a tremendous source of institutional wisdom. If one ever had a question about the school or its operations, Edna always knew the answer. A valued and respected co-worker.

Irene Freeman 1970-2001

Receptionist and Administrative Assistant to Headmaster

Irene Freeman ran the central office at the Academy like a Swiss watch. Extremely well organized, she oversaw key events like graduation, opening of school and Mansion House functions with an impressive eye for detail. Her anticipatory skills were uncanny, she was the prototype for the character of Radar O'Reilly in the TV show MASH. She knew what needed to be done, when and where and how. She made disorganized Headmasters look mildly capable...I can speak from experience on this score.

Louise Lovell 1940-1986

Secretary to the Headmaster

Louise is a remarkable and capable woman who has the distinction of having served three headmasters. She arguably ran the school for almost four decades. A model of discretion and efficiency, she supervised the affairs of school with aplomb. Like Irene Freeman, she knew intuitively how lost and befuddled headmasters can be. Her firm guidance and amazing memory kept them on track.

Sylvia Lunt 1943-1984

Assistant to the Business Manager

If Louise Lovell kept headmasters in line, Sylvia Lunt did the same for three Business Managers. Always lively and personable, she cut an impressive swath through Governor Dummer during her distinguished tenure. One never had to venture beyond her desk to get anything done at the Academy. She and her sister Wilhelmina have been community fixtures off of Newbury Green and continue to grace GDA with their presence at all major school functions.

Thomas M. Mercer 1930-1969Teacher of English, Department Chair,
Coach and Dormitory Master
(conferred posthumously)

Tom Mercer was a true scholar of English literature and the embodiment of a southern gentleman. Last evening, at Old Guard reunion dinner, a gentleman proudly boasted to me that "Uncle Tom taught me how to write..." This is a comment that I hear frequently from older alumni as I travel about the country for GDA. Anyone who was fortunate enough to have studied in his unique classroom, Uncle Tom's cabin, can remember with affection his famous Mercergrams. He was one of GDA's giants.

Douglas L. Miller '46 1954-1991Teacher of Science, Department Chair,
Coach, Dormitory Master

A distinguished teacher who offered support and encouragement to all of his students. He had that special gift that only the most skilled instructors possess - the capacity to simplify a complex subject like physics for layman's consumption. In the late 1960s and 70s, Doug developed a lasting reputation as the Commissioner of the famous Big League Soccer, a conference that would put the ACC and the Big East to shame.

A. MacDonald Murphy 1930-1974Teacher of English, Coach, Dormitory
Master and Director of Athletics
(conferred posthumously)

A charter member of the Old Guard, Mac Murphy was a beloved English instructor. He always had time for his students. His classes were as much symposiums on the meaning of life as they were opportunities to analyze grammar and English literature. A Renaissance man, he founded lacrosse at GDA and earned the reputation as one of the region's finest Athletic Directors.

Howard J. "Buster" Navins '31**1936-1977**Teacher of Foreign Languages, Coach,
Dormitory Master and Dean of Students

For 41 years, he was the heart and soul of the Academy and a member of the Old Guard. He was loved and revered by his students. His coaching career was distinctive and to this day he can remember who scored the second goal in the 1948 Belmont Hill game or who struck out with the bases loaded against St Paul's in 1961. His stock phrases, "Don't give me any of your corn", "I want you to play better than you know how," and "you play ball with me and I'll play ball with you" are indelibly etched into the consciousness of thousands of youngsters now adults. He taught students that lifelong skill, the ability to speak confidently and effectively in public.

John W. Ragle**1947-1950, 1953-1954**Teacher of English, Coach and
Dorm Master
1972-1983 Headmaster

Jack Ragle's headmastership came at a critical moment in the history of the Academy. He successfully oversaw the introduction and early successes of coeducation. During an era when many of the time-tested traditions and practices of

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Angela Rappoli '03 (third from left), Brad Ferry '04, and Katherine Paul '04 presented the "Soup's On" check to the director of the Cape Ann Food Pantry, Julie LaFontaine. GDA raised over \$2000 at the annual event by selling handmade ceramic bowls filled with soup donated by local restaurants!



Aerial view of Emeritus Induction Ceremony

boarding schools were being questioned, Jack knew intuitively what needed to be preserved and what to change. His splendid scholarly history of the Academy remains the definitive work in this area and a critical resource for our archives.

Arthur W. Sager 1930-1969

Teacher of Public Speaking, Coach, Dormitory Master, Glee Club Director (conferred posthumously)

Affectionately known to generations of GDA students as the "Bull", Art Sager was a venerable member of the Old Guard. An Olympic athlete, he brought his knowledge of sports to the Academy where he coached the Varsity Football and Track teams. His public speaking course at the Academy helped instill confidence and poise in awkward adolescent boys. He directed the Glee Club, perennially the most popular student group on campus, popular both for its music and, in the days before coeducation, the only legitimate way to get off campus to meet girls. He was a tireless ambassador for the Academy, a prolific correspondent to "his kids," and a resource to headmasters.

William Sperry 1954-1992

Teacher of History, Department Chair, Coach, Dormitory, Master and Director of College Guidance

Bill Sperry was known for his brilliant mind and his photographic memory. An accomplished teacher, he was particularly adept at bringing world events to life for his students. He instilled within them a life-long appreciation and interest in current events. He was a highly effective college advisor who always sought to create the appropriate match for his advisees. Invariably he did.

Benjamin J. Stone 1932-75

Teacher of Mathematics, Department Chair, Coach, Dormitory Master, Dean of Faculty, Director of Studies Director of the Chapel Choir (conferred posthumously)

A venerable member of the Old Guard and a pillar of the GDA community, Ben Stone was the consummate boarding school man. He was a popular teacher, a dedicated corridor master and an enthusiastic coach. He held virtually every administrative post at the Academy during his 43-year tenure. He was also an accomplished musician, a published composer

and a prolific poet in his own right. Post-GDA he served the Newburyport community as a choral director, director of the Historical Society, and as a newspaper columnist.

Alexander W. White

1971-82 and 1984-2001

Teacher of Foreign Languages, Coach and Dormitory Master

Known as "Señor Blanco" to his students, Alex White set high standards for his charges while effectively spreading his passion for Spanish language and customs. He had boundless energy for everything he did. He helped to found our cross-country program, he was a long time major domo of the ski club and a indefatigable leader of student trips abroad. In his retirement, he has become one of the driving forces behind the refurbishment of the Yellow School House cultural center in the Village of Byfield. GDA's resident Fred Astaire, he was known to dance a jig or two in class and an occasional Charleston and more at faculty parties.



Former Teacher of History, Coach, Dormitory Master and Director of Admission, John Witherspoon with Dan Morgan '67, P'97, '02

Valleau Wilkie Jr. 1959-1973 Headmaster

Val Wilkie was a strong, decisive and inspirational leader. He brought a strength of character and determination that was forged in the crucible of his experiences in the second World War where he emerged as a legitimate American hero. He oversaw the construction of The Moseley Chapel and the Thompson Auditorium. He helped to champion the arts program at the Academy. The 1960s were a turbulent decade, but GDA seemed to weather them better than most schools because of his firm hand. He has gone on from GDA to have a distinguished career as the Director of the Sid Richardson Foundation.

David M. Williams 1951-1967 and 1969-1992 Teacher of History, Department Chair Coach, Dormitory Master and Dean of Students

Dave Williams had a long and distinguished career at GDA. He was an innovative and imaginative teacher. He introduced Asian Studies to the curriculum and encouraged his Departmental colleagues to develop new elec-

tives in non-Western areas. His impact on the community was profound. He was known as the conscience of Governor Dummer. Students respected him for his sense of fairness and impeccable integrity. He was a touchstone for his colleagues and the dispenser of sage advice.

John Witherspoon 1947-1980

Teacher of History, Coach, Dormitory Master and Director of Admissions

An All-American lacrosse player and one of J. Edgar Hoover's G men before he arrived at GDA, John Witherspoon achieved Old Guard status during his marvelous career in Byfield. Quiet and unassuming, he nevertheless inspired love and respect from students and colleagues alike. He helped to build the foundation for lacrosse dynasties at the Academy. He was a compassionate and effective Director of Admissions. Many folks in this audience owe their very presence here to John. The very mention of his name invokes a warm smile from Governor Dummer graduates. ▀

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GDA Night at The Pops



Charlotte McElroy P'74,'75,'77 and Director of Development Pat Peterman P'01,'03 shared some "parent talk" before the concert.



Sue Adams P'05, Robert Moheban P'80,'88, and Mike Adams P'05 enjoyed the pre-show reception.



GDA staff members Marilyn McKeen and Mary Beth Snow joined faculty alumni and parents at the annual event.

The Annual GDA Night at the Boston Pops, hosted by the Alumni/ae Council on May 21, drew together more than 90 alumni/ae, parents, staff, faculty and friends of the Academy for a great performance conducted by Keith Lockhart with special appearances by bluegrass performer Ricky Skaggs and teen jazz sensation Peter Cincotti. At a pre-show reception in Symphony Hall, Headmaster Marty Doggett updated the gathering on GDA's Long Range Strategic Plan and the first Faculty and Staff Emeriti Induction Ceremony planned for Reunion Weekend.

Young Alumni/ae Reception in New York City



Meghan Earle '97, David Van Ness, Faculty, and Ed Guzman '95 in the Big Apple.

More than 20 GDA alumni/ae attended a reception hosted by Robin Remick '90 and her husband, Brian Wille, on May 15 on the garden patio of their Park Avenue apartment building. Faculty members David Van Ness and Lynda Bromley delighted folks with their presence, and Headmaster Marty Doggett updated folks on

Alum Initiates Project-Based Computer Programming Class



Tom Johnson '81, Peter Wang '05, Russell Bradley '05, and Levi Paul '05 take a break from Tom's computer class.

Tom Johnson '81 launched a new course this spring at GDA for students interested in learning more about the basic elements of a project life cycle and the integration of that knowledge into certain web-based technologies (HTML, JavaScript, database). With the help of Elaine White and Joanna Connors in the Academic Office, and Aaron Mandel in the Technology Office, Tom and his protégés created a database for internal use on GDA's web site to help students connect with each other.

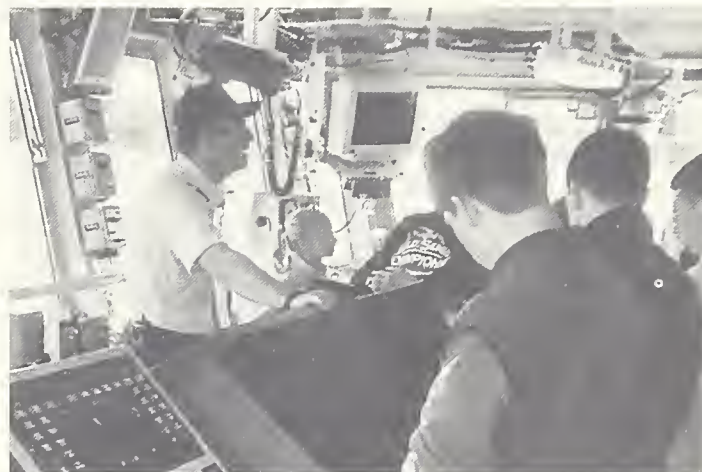
Students Russell Bradley '05, Peter Wang '05, and Levi Paul '05 wrapped up the course in mid-May. A big thanks to Tom Johnson '81 for volunteering his time to teach this course and work with GDA students.

GDA news. The food and venue were excellent, and Mother Nature cooperated, providing GDA graduates, faculty members, and friends the opportunity to mix and mingle in the spring air.



Anne Cole '88, Jennifer Griffin '87, Amy Russell Sheeran '89, and Susannah Griffin '89 caught up on each other's recent exploits and accomplishments.

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Visit to the USCG Buoy Tender "Hickory" in Boston, May 4, 2003. Hosted by Lieutenant Commander Charlie Cashin

Alum Arranges Visit to USCG Buoy Tender Hickory



Lieutenant Commander Charlie Cashin '84, captain of Coast Guard cutter "Hickory," arranged a tour of his ship for 25 GDA students and faculty in early May. Highlights of the tour included the engine room and the

bridge where the helmsman steers the 225-foot cutter using a joystick. Everyone had a great time, and we thank Charlie for his generous hospitality in giving up his liberty time to give us a tour of his vessel. Charlie and his crew returned in June to their homeport in Homer, Alaska.

Grandparents Day Brings a Crowd

Grandparents Day welcomed more than 90 grandparents and grandfriends to campus on April 25. Students and their guests enjoyed a day of classes, spirited musical performances, an update from Headmaster Marty Doggett, and a tour of the arts department by Geoff Brace, Department Chair and visual arts teacher.

We look forward to seeing grandparents and grandfriends back at GDA next year. Please look for your pictures in the mail, if you and your grandchild(ren) had a picture taken in the Cobb Room by our photographer, Dan Courter.



Phil Gemmer '48, Dick Pew '54, and Jim Dean '56

Reception in Portland, Maine

More than 25 alumni/ae, parents, grandparents and friends of the Academy attended a wonderful reception hosted by Phil Gemmer '48, P'75'76'80, on Thursday, May 1. Headmaster Marty Doggett updated the gathering on the state of affairs at the Academy. The dedicated and loyal GDA constituency asked questions about the value of GDA's endowment and the number of GDA graduates serving in the U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq.

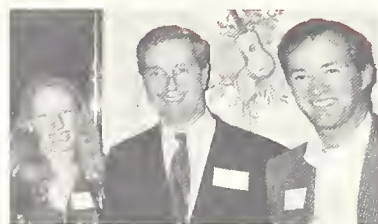


Widge Thomas '43 and Charles Carroll '58



Tim Maier '66, Tom Elder '56, and Bill Sperry, former faculty member

San Francisco Reception



Stacey Almy, Bill O'Leary '73, Trustee, and David Almy '86

Trustee Bill O'Leary '73 hosted more than 40 GDA alumni/ae and parents at a reception at The Mandarin Oriental Hotel in San Francisco, California on February 27. Faculty members Mike Moonves P'82 and Perry Nelson, former faculty member Bill Sperry P'80'83, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Jim Bride, and Bill O'Leary '73 all spoke at the reception, updating the audience on Academy news. The company, food, and venue were all excellent, and we hope to be back in the Bay Area soon.

Boston Milestone Stop at The Vox



Derric Small '86, Rob Delena '87, and Kip Brown '87



Ilse Abusamra '93, Stratten Newbert '91, Eunice Newbert, and Eleanore Godfrey '93



Brendan Forrest '94, Noelia Kvaternik '94, Alison Martin '94, and Lisa Maffei '94

The Milestone Stop at The Vox in Boston on April 10 was a big success. More than 30 alumni/ae, as well as GDA English teachers Paul Wann, Dick Searles, and Steve Ogden, showed up for the fine food and socializing. Special kudos to Aaron Sells '96, Dan DiPietro '96, and Cathy Burgess '91 who made calls and organized the evening. We'll be back next year!



**Don't forget to send in your class notes for The Fall Archon!
Deadline is September 29.**



Clockwise from top left: Michael Lawler '38 and Don Stockwell '39; Adele Lilly '98, College Counselor Janet Adams-Wall, Claire Shearman '98, Sarah Turner '98; Members of the Class of 73, Sherilyn Phillips, Bob Phillips, Craig Dowley and his wife Mary Nolan, Gary Haselton; Rod McLain leading history discussion, Geoff Gwynne '78, Derek Falvey '01, Elizabeth Scott and John Scott '44; Alumni Baseball Team: (front) Associate Director of Development Mike Moonves, Andy Noel '88, Chris O'rio '88, Harvey Hayden '58, Steve Valpore '59, Todd Dagres '78, Jon Pingree '81, (back) Dick Marr '53, Lennie Ceglarski '02, Derek Valvey '01, Gabe Wayne '98; Snooky and Dick Phippen '38, Dave Mitchell '68; Members of the Class of 98, Claire Shearman, Andy Ramirez, Elle Erickson, Robin O'Reilly, Jill Welenc, Hilary St.Jean.

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